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# TIDINGS

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CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship - In-  
stallation of New Officers  
5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
5:30 P.M. Board of Diaconate  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- 7:00 P.M. Basketball, FCC vs.  
Immanuel Baptist  
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Sandy  
Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- 9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Mary  
Cook, 323 W. Oakdale  
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- 9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Almeda  
Rice, 3402 River Forest  
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Irene  
Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ct.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- 9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUITS,

RICE, NOODLES, CEREALS

## OPEN 1975 WITH WORSHIP

Sunday worship is a renewal experience to gain a better focus on God and His will for life. He sets the stage for meaningful and purposeful living. He offers to enter life and fulfill life with its complexities and realities. This does not mean that everyday is smooth and easy, but it does mean that there is a partnership yoked and enabling a fuller life.

Cultivate this basic relationship by regular worship and study during 1975. At the opening of our worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday will be our installation of church leadership. This is listed in full on pages three and four of this issue of THE TIDINGS. We are hoping to have 100% present or accounted for.

Dr. Cline will open a series of sermons utilizing the life and ministry of Jesus. "COMING TO KNOW HIM" is the opening message. This season of Epiphany and Lent is an excellent time to read one or all four of the Gospels. This will be source material for preaching through Easter on March 30.

SERVING JANUARY 5

Elders

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and  
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder and  
Ralph Church

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, J. Olson,  
W. Bowen, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. D. Andrew, D. Short,  
H. Stevenson, C. Hetrick, D. Allen,  
R. Cole, R. Johnson, M. Crouse

Deaconesses

Marge Lehman and Carole Lee

Ushers

10:45 A.M. M. Byers, G. Bozarth,  
M. Finkhousen, J. Frappier, S.  
Frappier

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. D. Church, S. Grimm

10:45 A.M. A. Fountain, S. Mol-  
lenhour

Homebound Communion

Mark Snyder - Delmas Young  
William Schilling - Bruce Lehman

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph: 425 Mr. Aden Current

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Richard Egly has written a letter in behalf of his father, Al Egly, to our congregation. It is posted on the board opposite the office door.

THANKS FOR SOX AND MITTENS

1 cap, 32 pair of sox, and 39 pair of mittens were sent on December 23 to the Cleveland Christian Home from our Tree in Fellowship Hall.

1975 GIVING ENVELOPES

These were mailed this week and so all should have them by now. If not, call the church office. Since our Appeal effort ended December 31, ignore that and include all in Budget Giving.

SEASON GREETINGS ARE SHARED  
FROM THE FOLLOWING ON OUR  
CHRISTMAS CARD TREE:

Linda and Joe Wiley  
Deb, Harold, and Edna Nordblom  
Jack and Bette Gerrard  
Gene, Anne, and Jim Shirley  
The Niermans, Ross, Emmalou,  
Bruce and Brian  
The Leon A. Johns  
Fran Eckert  
Ed, Rosalie, and Gary Hall

COMMISSION LAST WEEK

In the six-months summary of budget supported Outreach Ministries, one item was inadvertently left out. \$2,400 of budget money has been sent these six months for the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. Thus, from budget giving a total of \$7,500 has gone for Outreach Ministries in region, state, and nation and over \$2,000 for local community outreach and service.

SPECIAL OFFERING OUTREACH SUPPORT

\$257.67 was given for Reconciliation on World Communion Sunday and \$800 was given for Basic Mission Finance in the Thanksgiving Offering. Over \$1,016 has been given for Christmas Tree and Christmas Offering for others. We rejoice in sharing in the ministries beyond our local ones of our congregational life!



INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS FOR 1975 - 10:45 A.M., January 6

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1½ YEAR TERMS

Jack Weicker, Moderator  
William Love, Vice-Moderator

Jerry Zimmerman, Education Chairman  
Dean Widler, Evangelism Chairman  
George Bruckman, Lay Personnel Chairman  
Marlene Crouse, Outreach & Service  
Chairwoman  
Rocky Baugher, Board of Diaconate  
Chairman

James Ruble, Elder  
William Schilling, Elder  
Jim Taylor, Deacon  
Robert Johnson, Deacon  
Delores Keebortz, Deaconess  
Susan Knuckles, Deaconess  
Don Parlette, Congregation-at-large  
Elsie Widler, Congregation-at-large

2½ YEAR TERMS

Nancy Wortley, Secretary  
Andrew Cook, Treasurer  
Ronald Flickinger, Memorial  
Funds Treasurer  
Merle Grimm, Stewardship &  
Finance Chairman  
Ralph Church, Worship & Pas-  
toral Relation Chairman  
Mark Snyder, Membership Chair-  
man  
Eugene Klepfer, Property  
Chairman  
Ben Taylor, Board of Elders  
Chairman  
Andrew Crowe, Elder  
Robert Hendricks, Elder  
Michael Terry, Deacon  
Russell Wortley, Deacon  
Marge Lehman, Deaconess  
Edna Nordblom, Deaconess  
Ruth Plummer, Congregation-at-  
Large  
Barbara Schrock, Congregation-  
at-large

BOARD OF ELDERS

4½ YEAR TERMS

Andrew Crowe  
Harold Crowder  
Merle Grimm  
Glenn Miller

3½ YEAR TERMS

Ralph Church  
Robert Hendricks  
Cecil Rice  
Ben Taylor  
Dean Widler

2½ YEAR TERMS

Bill Franklin  
Bill Schilling  
Mark Snyder

1½ YEAR TERMS

George Bruckman  
William Love  
Charles Ludwig  
James Ruble

½ YEAR TERMS

Andrew Cook  
David Griggs  
Bert Leversee  
Fred Smell

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## INSTALLATION (from page three)

### 4½ YEAR TERMS

Dennis Andrews  
Rocky Baugher  
Marvin Crouse  
Don Short  
Michael Terry  
Delores Keebortz  
Rosemary Krull  
Elinor Place  
Susan Thompson

### BOARD OF DIACONATE

#### 3½ YEAR TERMS

Bruce Lehman  
Homer Stevenson  
Joe Wiley  
Russell Wortley  
Susan Knuckles  
Carole Lee  
Edna Nordblom

#### 2½ YEAR TERMS

Samuel Hayes  
John Olson  
James Taylor  
Delmas Young  
Amelia Dare  
Mary Lou Hartzler  
Marge Lehman  
Dorothy Merriman

#### 1½ YEAR TERMS

Walter Bowen  
Chad Cline  
Robert Johnson  
Daryl Markley  
Norma Andrew  
Kathlyn Banet  
Mary Cook

#### ½ YEAR TERMS

Doug Allen  
Romane Cole  
Clarence Hetrick  
Robert Petty  
Delores Overmyer  
Doris Sauerwein  
Valerie Williams  
Ruth Yentes

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## EDGE OF ADVENTURE - An Experiment in Faith

We are offering this unique study course designed by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson from Christmas to Easter at five different options of schedule. Significant registrations have been received to insure the Sunday morning and Sunday evening groups. Call or mail your registration today for any of the five time options. We hope to offer all of them.

Class sessions will include programmed materials prepared by Keith Miller and Bruce & Hazel Larson, gleanings from the book of the course title by these persons, and interaction of the groups.

### TIME OPTIONS:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. in Room 120 - Harold Cline

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday evenings, 5:30 - 6:45 P.M. - Ruby Cline

\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. - Harold Cline

\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday afternoons, 1:30 - 3:00 P.M. - Miriam Bixenman

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday mornings, 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. - Ruby Cline



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CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship  
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

## MONDAY, JANUARY 13

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,  
Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

1:30 P.M. Gamboe Group, Judy  
Church, 5126 Werling Drive  
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir  
7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

1:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
7:30 P.M. Study Group, Don and  
Barbara Short, 3714 S. Monroe.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: BABY FOOD  
CANNED MEAT  
POWDERED MILK

## THIS AMAZING CHRIST

"He is tender and compassionate; but  
He is violent and uncompromising.  
He could make a child feel at home  
on His knee; but He could make His  
powerful enemies quail before Him.

"He said that by Him men would be  
judged; but He was meek and lowly  
in heart. He said the most awful  
things about sin that have ever  
been spoken; but He said the kind-  
est things to sinners that human  
ears have ever heard. He asks me  
for my all, yet He gives Himself to  
me utterly.

"He is the most knowable man who  
ever lived, yet no man has ever ex-  
plained Him. He asserts His au-  
thority at every turn, yet He with-  
draws from the applauding crowds.

"His joyous comradeship raises scandal, yet they call Him Man of Sorrows. He raised from the dead, yet He deliberately chooses death. He has power such as none has ever had before or since, yet He ever knocks and waits and listens before He passes the low lintel of human life.

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# SERVING JANUARY 12

## Elders

8:15 A.M. R. Hendricks and  
Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and  
Andrew Crowe

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Petty, R. Cole,  
R. Johnson, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, B. Lehman,  
J. Wiley, R. Wortley, S. Hayes,  
D. Young, D. Markley, D. Andrew,  
R. Baugher

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
D. Allen.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Finkhousen,  
H. Stevenson

## Deaconesses

Kathlyn Banet and Mary Cook

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. Carole Lee, Ruth  
Yentes

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, A. Dare,  
D. Merriman, V. Williams.

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. A. Lee and Beth

## Schilling

10:45 A.M. Anne Frappier and  
Diana Schrock

## FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Albert Egly, on 1/6/75. Al had served as an elder and trustee in the 1930's, late 40's, and early 50's. He was 95 in October. Sympathy is extended to Richard and family.

## THANKS FOR POINSETTIAS

To Ernest and Sadie Kattas and to Mrs. Ethel Lahmon.

## RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Paula Sue Meadows, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harley Rex Meadows, 4908 Salem Lane, 06, made her confession of faith and was baptized Sunday. Paula completes the family circle of parents and five children within our church fellowship. She is a freshman at Harding High School and is interested in sewing, painting and art work, tennis, volley ball, banjo playing, and reading. We welcome her in our bond in Christ.

## DECEMBER AVERAGES:

Church Worship	285
Church School	122
Budget Giving	\$2265.46
Appeal Giving	378.35

## THANKS TO CHURCH

Our thanks to the Carolers, Bob really enjoyed the songs and the cheerful faces. We also wish to Thank the Church for the beautiful Poinsettia plant and to all the folks who helped to make our Christmas a Happy one.

Bob and Esther Clipp

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Scheduling needs to be handled through Mrs. Nancy Wortley in the church office for all events. We desire to list all class and regular group meetings and socials. Please contact the office so that there can be publicity and clearing of dates. We had some problems before Christmas from lack of checking the church calendar. Let's utilize our church calendar!



## ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

OUR ECUMENICAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF FORT WAYNE AND ALLEN COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED A VITAL MINISTRY BY INTER-CHURCH COOPERATION. THIS THIRTIETH YEAR OF BEING "ALTOGETHER IN ONE PLACE" (Ecumene), WE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CALL THE CHURCHES INTO ANNUAL ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 12, 1975. EACH MEMBER CHURCH IS ASKED TO SUPPORT AT LEAST ONE PASTOR AND ONE LAY PERSONS AS DELEGATES. EACH CHURCH IS ENTITLED TO ONE CORPORATE VOTE.

ALL ARE CALLED TOGETHER, CHARGED TO SEEK THE MIND OF THE CHRIST AND THE CHURCHES TO LEAD US ALL IN

A HOPEFUL EXPLORATION OF THE ECUMENICAL VISION IN A THOUGHTFUL ARTICULATION OF OUR ECUMENICAL ASPIRATIONS IN A FAITHFUL CULTIVATION OF AN ECUMENICAL ETHOS.

Dr. Arleon Kelley of the National Council of Churches will lead us in objective seeking and goal setting. A former Hoosier Methodist pastor and ecumenical leader, he is an Associate Executive, Commission on Local and Regional Ecumenism, as a research and planning analyst.

This is an open meeting for anyone. All Associated Churches board and department members should attend. The Weekday teachers will be guests of Associated Churches.

Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne Street, will host the meeting with dinner at 6:30; adjourn at 9:30 P.M. The dinner will be \$2.50. If you are attending, please call the church office and make reservation by Sunday night, January 12.

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

One name was accidentally missed in the Christmas Card Tree Greeting this week. Greetings are extended to Mark, Rosemary, Eric and Jason on Jan. 11. We rejoice in the 102 families who shared in this greeting through our Christmas Card tree, and in the beauty of the tree in the Narthex and the gifts totaling \$9.50 for the Cleveland Christian Home and the Flinn Home for children aged respectively.

### PAPER DRIVE

The Chi Rho Paper Drive has been rescheduled for Sat., Jan. 18. You may bring papers to the church and place them on the stage anytime between now and 9:00 a.m. Saturday. If you cannot bring your papers to the church, but would like to give them, please call Mrs. Bixenman at the church before Wed., Jan. 15 for pick up. A portion of the money goes toward outreach giving by this group.

THIS AMAZING CHRIST (continued from page 1)

"He died two thousand years ago, yet to thousands He is a greater reality than their dearest friend, without Whom joy would pass away from life and leave it cold and bleak and dead." --Leslie D. Weatherhead

This amazing Christ offers Himself for acceptance at the invitation and comes to meet us at his Table each Lord's day in worship with comrades in Him. Come to know him through reading the Gospels, through relationships in Christian community, and through quiet introspection and meditation led by the Holy Spirit.

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#### THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE

Over 50 persons have started this adventure in search of an authentic and fulfilling Christian lifestyle. The groups are still open for those willing to participate regularly at one of the times in this effort to grow as a child of God.

Basic premises assumed are: 1) That God is real; 2) That His nature and purposes were somehow uniquely revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and 3) That God can communicate with us through prayer, even if we cannot understand the process involved.

If you are just beginning, contact the leader to prepare for the second session:

Friday-9:30 A.M. -R. Cline

(first session Jan. 10)

Sunday-9:30 A.M. - H. Cline

Sunday-5:30 P.M. - R. Cline

Tuesday-7:00 P.M. - H. Cline

Wednesday-1:30 P.M. -M. Bixenman

This is a 13 week study continuing until Easter in order to find new life in Christ and the community of the church. The emphasis is on the relational aspects of the Christian faith.

#### 1975 CHURCH GIVING

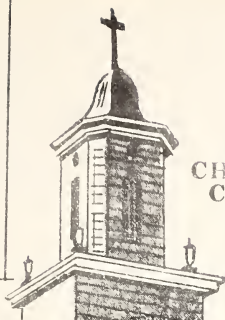
December 31 marked the end of our Centennial and Indiana Appeal special giving. Since the total amount was not given as pledged, the needed amounts to complete our loan payments and our capital outreach through our Regional expression of the church will be met through budget giving. It is anticipated that persons will transfer regular appeal giving to Budget Giving. We praise God for the \$56,405.71 which has been given to our Centennial and Indiana Appeal effort!

We call on every member and friend of First Christian to give as regularly and as generously as possible for our Budget needs. Last spring we trimmed our budget over \$10,000 to keep it under commitments expressed by our people. Our budget calls for weekly giving of \$2,132, but this giving has only averaged \$1,921 for the first six months of this church year.

Use the numbered envelope sets as much as possible. Their usage assists greatly our recorder of giving. 1974 recorded giving reports will be mailed shortly.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

0:00 A.M. Study Group

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

1:45 A.M. CWF Salad Potluck  
7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir  
7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8:30 A.M. District Youth Meet  
at North Christian Church

COUNTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER  
CANNED FRUIT  
CANNED MEAT

### TIME TO MEET AND TALK

All are invited to Fellowship  
all this Sunday immediately after  
our 10:45 A.M. worship hour. Tea,  
coffee, and punch for all. Hosting  
are Dean Widlers and Andy Crowes.

## DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST,

Preaching is both a very scary  
and fulfilling responsibility in my  
life. I am concerned that Jesus the  
Christ be the focus of our faith and  
of our church.

Thus I encourage each person to  
read one or all four of the Gospel  
records of his life. I would gladly  
loan books or encourage reading lib-  
rary or personal books on his life  
and ministry. Spend time pondering  
Jesus and his meaning for life.

A backdrop for my sermons in this  
season are a series of questions  
raised by Howard Clinebell as tests  
of a mentally healthy religion. His  
thesis is that "religion can be a  
constructive, creative, healing,  
life-affirming force or a dark, re-  
pressive, life-crippling force."  
Against this backdrop I have chosen  
texts from the Gospel records of  
Jesus in order to present him as a  
positive life-giving person. The  
sermons, texts, and background  
questions are listed on page 3.

I invite your participation in  
these sermons by hearing and giving  
me any personal feedback you have.  
Above all, I hope you will "SEE  
JESUS".

*Harold E. Cline*



## SERVING JANUARY 12

### Elders

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10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and Dean Widler

### Deacons

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### Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, G. Ludwig.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Finkhousen, D. Allen.

### Deaconesses

Ruth Yentes and Elinor Place

### Greeters

8:15 A.M. Mary Lou Hartzler and Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, R. Johnson, D. Merriman, M. Cook.

### Acolytes

8:15 A.M. P. Olson & B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe & M. Cole

### Homebound Communion

Ralph Church - Russell Wortley  
David Griggs - Dennis Andrew

## PERSONAL MENTION

### IN HOSPITALS:

Parkview: 326-Mr. John Christy

St. Joe: 613-Mr. Aden Current

521-Mrs. Hildred Favory

Lutheran: 637-Mrs. Jane Harts

330-Mrs. Thelma Swift

### THANKS TO THE CHURCH

My thanks to the friends from First Christian for their cards and prayers while I was hospitalized.

Art Mowery

## RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION

Eunice Jane Conrad, 411 Dori Lynn Dr., Apt. A, -07, 456-1347, identified with our congregation in membership on Sunday. Eunice has been participating at several points quite faithfully for several months. She is an Associate Professor of English at Fort Wayne Bible College. She is interested in photography, sewing, and camping. We welcome Eunice in our community of love and relationship in Christ.

## INTERIM PASTOR AT WEST CREIGHTON

Rev. Alex Langford began his ministry at Central Christian Church in Indianapolis on Jan. 1. Rev. Forrest Brock, who recently retired at First Christian in Richmond, Ind. began as Interim Minister at our sister congregation this past Sunday. We welcome Forrest and Bessie Brock into our community.

## OUTREACH SUPPORT MAILED

In addition to the regular monthly check to the Associated Churches and the one of three annual checks to Change through Involvement mailed the first two Sundays of this month, our treasurer remitted the following:

\$1,000 for Indiana Appeal out of our Appeal giving.

\$600 for Christian Church Outreach which was our Christmas Offering.

\$225 for Emily Flinn Home from our Christmas Card Tree.

\$225 for Cleveland Christian Home from our Christmas Card Tree.

We are partners with Christ in effective ministries both in our community and beyond.



ERMONS, TEXTS, AND BACKGROUND QUESTIONS (Save for future reference)

January 19-"A CLIMATE FOR GROWING" Matthew 13:1-9, 31-33; John 7:53-8:11  
Does a particular form of religious thought and practice emphasize love (and growth) or fear?

January 26-"A RELATIONSHIP MOTIVATING MATURITY" John 14:12-27; John 21:15-19; Matthew 20:20-28

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice stimulate or hamper the growth of inner freedom and personal responsibility? Closely related questions are these: Does it encourage healthy or unhealthy dependency relationships-mature or immature relationships with authority? Does it encourage growth of mature or immature consciences?

February 2-"HARMONIZING WITH SPIRITUAL REALITY" Matt. 4:1-11; Matt. 26: 36-44. Does a particular form of religious thought and practice encourage the acceptance or denial of reality? Does it foster magical or mature religious beliefs? Does it encourage intellectual honesty with respect to doubts? Does it oversimplify the human situation or face its tangled complexity?

February 9-UNIVERSALITY UNDER GOD" John 4:7-42; Luke 18:9-14

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice build bridges or barriers between people?

February 16-"WINGS OF JOY" Matthew 5:1-12; John 15:1-11

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice, increase or lessen the enjoyment of life? Does it encourage a person to appreciate or depreciate the feeling dimension of life?

February 23-"MOVING BEYOND IDOLATRY" Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 19:16-22

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice give its adherents a "frame of orientation and object of devotion" that is adequate in handling existential anxiety constructively?

March 2"WINDOWS TO SEE INTO REALITY" John 6:35-69; John 2:1-11

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice encourage the individual to relate to his unconscious through living symbols?

March 9-"FREED FOR CREATIVITY" Matthew 5:21-48; Mark 2:23-3:6

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice handle the vital energies of sex and aggressiveness in constructive or repressive ways?

March 16-"RELEASED FOR WHOLENESS" John 3:1-21; Luke 8:36-50 Matt. 25:25-28

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice provide effective or faulty means of helping persons move from a sense of guilt to forgiveness? Does it provide well-defined, significant, ethical guidelines, or does it emphasize ethical trivia? Is its primary concern for surface behavior or for the underlying health of the personality?

March 23-"CHALLENGE TO CHANGE" Matt. 21:33-46; Matt. 25:29-39

Does a particular form of religious beliefs and practice accomodate itself to the neurotic patterns of the society or endeavor to change them?

March 30-"GOD GIVES THE VICTORY" Matthew 28:1-20; John 14:19

Does a particular form of religious thought and practice strengthen or weaken self-esteem?

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

One of the purposes of our Children's Sermonette during worship each Sunday is to say by deed that each person and each age is important to God. It is also a special learning time with the pastor. Through Easter, the children will be hearing about "Symbols of Jesus". Banners are being made for the sermonettes by the Chi Rho Fellowship. These will be used each week and then collected together at the front of the balcony rail. Our pre-school children will also deal with the symbols and their meanings during Extended Session classes which the children have after the Sermonette with Miriam Bixenman. Children of grades 1 to 5 have Children's Choir after the sermonette under the direction of Susan Jones.

## DISTRICT I CYF WINTER MEET

Our CYF youth are invited to North Christian on Saturday the 25th beginning at 8:30 A.M. A Serendipity Workshop led by Dr. Cline will be held during the day. There is a dinner and program on Saturday evening. It closes with Dan Bryan speaking during the Church School hour at 9:30 on Sunday morning, followed by worship there as a group. Registration should be made with Miriam Bixenman, Russ or Nancy Wortley, or Harold Cline by this Sunday evening the 19th.

## USED STAMP PROJECT

The door is open for all used postage stamps. Many have been saving special stamps and foreign stamps. All regular postage stamps are now asked for. Please leave about 1/4 inch of paper around stamps as you cut them out so they are mutilated in no way. Deposit them in the Window Box at the bottom of the south stairway. \$6,175.09 was earned from the sale of stamps during 1974. These are processed on a volunteer basis by some of our national staff after hours. The money is used for outreach projects. Mrs. Betty Gerrard handles and processes our stamps in this effort.

## CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Papers can be brought to the church building anytime this week until Saturday morning at 9:00. Our Chi Rho youth are collecting them both as a recycling project and as a fund raising effort for program and for outreach causes. Leave them in either south entry way this week.

## DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATED CHURCHES

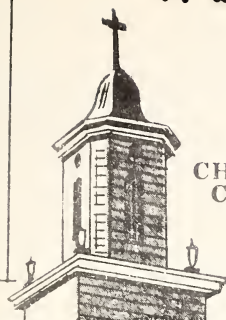
Our congregation will be represented by the following for the annual meeting of Associated Churches next Monday at 6:30 P.M. at Trinity English Lutheran: Jack & Janet Weicker, Ralph & Judy Church, Merle & Betty Grimm, Harold & Ruby Cline, Marlene Crouse, and Miriam Bixenman.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

All members of the new Board of Trustees are asked to be present at 7:30 P.M. next Tuesday, January 21 in room 120. Let's have 100% participation!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
4:00 P.M. Leadership Team  
For "The Everybody Gap"  
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
6:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY JANUARY 27

6:30 P.M. District Board Mtg.  
at Kendallville

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck  
6:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir  
8:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUITS  
SOUPS  
BABY FOOD  
PEANUT BUTTER

## MINISTRY THROUGH PANTRY

Our Pantry program will soon reach its third birthday. We serve emergency food and clothing needs upon referral of Welfare Social Workers. We have sensed a strong usage of the pantry recently. On January 2 & 3, we had 11 referrals.

Mrs. Betty Grimm reports the following for October through December, 1974:

### FOOD REFERRALS 59

83 Adults and 169 children provided for a total of 2,268 individual meals covering 177 days of family care.

### CLOTHING REFERRALS 10

4 adults and 31 children

We rejoice in all gifts for the Pantry of either foodstuffs or money for the purchase of food. This past week we received a case of canned beef chunks. "Jesus said, Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me." We serve in his name!



SERVING JANUARY 26

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and  
David Griggs

10:45 A.M. William Love and  
James Ruble

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Cole, C. Cline,  
D. Allen, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, J. Wiley,  
D. Young, C. Hetrick, R. Wortley,  
D. Short, J. Taylor, R. Johnson,  
D. Andrews

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Allen  
C. Cline

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Baugher,  
H. Stevenson

Deaconesses

Carole Lee and Delores Overmyer

Greeters

8:15 A.M. Elinor Place and  
Susan Thompson

10:45 A.M. D. Merriman, A. Dare,  
V. Williams, S. Knuckles

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein and  
S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. D. Clifton and  
J. Wortley

PERSONAL MENTION

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran:

684 - Mrs. Jane Harts

691 - Mrs. Ethel Busch, who is  
slated to move to Indian Village  
Health Center this week.

M101 - Mrs. Mary McCarthy

St. Joseph:

521 - Mrs. Hildred Favory

613 - Mr. Aden Current

Parkview:

347 - Mr. Joe Siples

330 - Mrs. Mildred Shores

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NEW MEMBER

Mary Lavina (Knight) McCarthy,  
815 W. Jefferson, 04 - 437-1683 is  
uniting with our congregation in  
transfer of membership from First  
Christian Church, New Castle, Ind.  
She is employed at Aboite House &  
lives with her mother, Mrs. Winnie  
Mae Ferguson. Mary is currently  
hospitalized and underwent a milo-  
gram on Monday. She has interests  
in reading, travel, and boating.  
She is mother of two and grand-  
mother of three. We welcome her  
into our fellowship.

HOSPITAL NOTES (continued)

BLUFFTON CLINIC:

2012 - Mr. Floyd Morrical--Much  
prayer and concern have been ex-  
pressed for his sudden confinement.

SCOTTSDALE ARIZONA - Mr. Harvey  
Smelser has been released from the  
hospital to his daughter's. He  
can receive cards at 1149 N. 92nd  
Street, Sp. 554, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
85256.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Miriam Bixenman in the death  
of her uncle, Mr. Frank Brown in  
Illinois.

To Elaine Conrad in the recent  
death of her sister-in-law which  
called her back from Florida.

EDUCATORS GATHER FOR GROWTH

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will leave  
this Sunday noon to attend the  
annual meeting of the Association  
of Christian Church Educators at  
Kansas City, Jan. 27-31.

SERMON THIS SUNDAY

"A RELATIONSHIP MOTIVATING  
MATURITY" - John 14:12-27,  
John 21:15-19; Matthew 20:20-28



## D. M. A. PLANS FOR YEAR

Our monthly fellowship of retirees, senior citizens, widows or widowers any involved in DMA (that is, Don't Mention Age group) has made a tentative schedule for 1975. Church members and friends and others in our vicinity are encouraged to participate whenever possible. The normal time the fourth Tuesday of each month in Fellowship Hall for a potluck meal promptly at 12:00 noon. Covered dishes and table service are brought and the committee furnishes rolls and drink.

SCHEDULE THE FOLLOWING ON YOUR CALENDAR AS TENTATIVE DATES AND CONFIRMED PROGRAMS:

- Jan. 28 - 12:00 Potluck meal - Program: "DID YOU KNOW?" Advantages and rewards of being a senior citizen. Resource person: Gregg Richie & sharing.
- Feb. 25 - 12:00 Potluck Meal - Program: Show and Tell and Reminiscing.
- March 25 - 12:00 Potluck Meal - Program: Sound Color Travel & Park Movies.
- Apr. 22 - 12:00 Potluck Meal - Program: ???
- May 27 - Trip to Battle Creek, Michigan for tours.
- June 24 - 12:00 Potluck Picnic Dinner at Franke Park.
- July 22 - 12:00 Potluck and Home-Made Ice Cream at Cline's, 5705 Fernwood.
- Aug. 26 - Trip on bus to Wagon Wheel Theatre - Date might be altered to pick most desired show.
- Sept. 23 - 12:00 Potluck Meal - Program: Unconfirmed on Photography scenes.
- Oct. 28 - 12:00 Leave parking lot for trip to Emily Flinn Home in Marion.
- Nov. 25 - 12:00 Potluck Meal - Program: Hugh Rice's pictures of Indiana.
- Dec. 30 - Holiday Dinner at Restaurant - Program: Audrey Helmuth - Story or Book Review.

Committees will be drawn to set up, do any decorating, prepare drinks, furnish rolls and butter, and wrap up and chair program details in consultation with the Steering Committee which is composed of Rolland and Revieve Ripple, Earl and Reba Fusselman, Amelia Dare, Miriam Bixenman, Harold Cline.

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## PARTICIPATIONING IN DISTRICT YOUTH MEET

Our high schoolers leaving our building at 8:00 A.M. this Saturday include: Val Williams, Schellie Schell, Robbie Paulley, Chad Cline, Kenny or, Melanie Baugher, Dawn Schrock, and hopefully some more. Harold is leading the district youth in a Serendipity workshop through the on Saturday. Dan Bryant, national youth leader, will make a presentation Saturday evening. Miriam Bixenman is district youth counselor. Our C.Y.F. is moving well through its study series using cassette tapes Charlie Shedd on "Love, Sex, and Marriage" during its weekly Sundaying meetings from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. All high schoolers are invited.

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Youth of grades 6, 7, and 8 are urged to participate in the Youth Discipleship Class led by Dr. Cline beginning on February 1. Classes will be held from 10:00 to 11:45 for eight weeks and will end on the Saturday before Palm Sunday, March 22. These classes are background study for a possible decision for Christ and the church. Participation does not mean an immediate decision but gives the background for a meaningful experience of beginning the Christian pilgrimage with a commitment of life to Christ. Other youth than the basic three grades are welcome upon consultation with Dr. Cline. We encourage planning now toward these classes.

## OUR THANKS GO TO

Clair Schryver who regularly folds and staples the bulletins for us each Sunday.

Raymond and Lila Russell for giving the church a new West Bend 55 cup percolator.

Peggy Buskirk for addressing the Tidings each week for us.

Miriam Bixenman, Rolland and Genevieve Ripple for leading worship at Colonial Crest Nursing Center on December 29th.

To Fran Eckert, Marge Lehman, Eileen Klepfer, Anne Shirley, and Ruby Cline for cupcakes for the Family & Children Christmas Eve worship.

To Rocky Baugher for driving the truck for the paper drive on Jan. 18.

## JOIN DAILY DISCIPLES!

This group meets on the first and third Sunday evenings from 9:00 to 10:00 P.M. A new series of three months begins on Feb. 2. The purpose is to undergird each other in the daily application of our faith to life. Much time in the group is spent on hearing out the other for prayer concerns for daily life and in the study of prayer. The group has a covenant of daily prayer for the others in fulfilling their walk with Christ amid the reality of life.

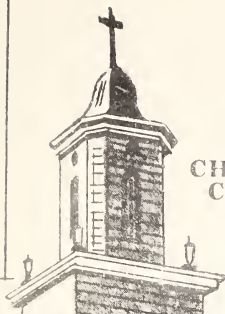
This is a change time and the door is open for newcomers---Come to the Parlor at 9:00 P.M. on Sunday February 2. This time allows one parent of couples with young children to come without needing child care.

## ENABLING THE CHURCH

Our December giving lowered our operating account from a deficit of \$3,799.24 to a deficit of \$1,419.37. If we continue with strong giving on January 26, there is a strong likelihood that this deficit could be erased this month. We have averaged \$2,128.87 for the first three Sundays of January against our needs of \$2,150 weekly. We believe that we can be both current in responsibilities as a church and financially in the black!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### TURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

7:00 P.M. Introduction to

THE EVERYBODY GAP"

8:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

9:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

10:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

11:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Nancy  
Berry, 2629 Stinson Drive.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Fran  
ckert, 8619 Decatur Road

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00 A.M. Spice Group, Mrs.  
omer Stevenson, 5022 Gardenvue

9:30 P.M. Study Group, Russ and

Nancy Wortley, 2229 Drake Drive

9:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Ethel  
ichhart, 835 W. Wayne.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

COUNTRY NEEDS: INSTANT COFFEE,  
PASTA, NOODLES, AND MACARONI

## PONDER THIS

The woman at the well asked Jesus an old question, where to worship? Often I get asked a similar question (or told): "Preacher, I can worship just as well on the riverbank as in church."...Let's answer that with a question: Is the church a building...or people? Then, if church is people, Christians don't "come to church." They are the church.

God is Spirit. So to worship Him in spirit and in truth (in genuineness) requires a live spirit in us. The spirit in man, however, is dead until we invite Jesus in, and He gives us life; we are born again. Only then can we truly worship God. Anywhere. Anytime. That gives us something to celebrate on Sunday mornings....So we're not trying to get people into church, but to get Jesus into people. He's the only way to be whole. He's the one who will "get it together." And you will all be here because you are all there.

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## SERVING FEBRUARY 2

### Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and  
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and  
Andrew Cook

### Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, J. Olson,  
R. Petty, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, S. Hayes,  
D. Markley, D. Short, J. Wiley,  
C. Hetrick, J. Taylor, D. Young,  
R. Johnson

### Ushers

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman, Jim  
Stucky, Don Smith

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook, Michael  
Byers, Jeff Frappier, G. Bozarth

### Deaconesses

E. Nordbloom and D. Overmyer

### Greeters

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler  
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, M. Cook,  
E. Place, K. Banet.

### Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Danny Church and  
Steve Grimm

10:45 A.M. Bobbi Johnson and  
Denise Schrock

### Homebound Communion

Robert Hendricks and Don Short  
Ben Taylor and Michael Terry

## PERSONAL MENTION

### IN HOSPITALS:

#### Lutheran:

M-101-Mrs. Mary McCarthy

M-121-Mrs. Grace Truby

302-Mrs. Barbara Short & son

468-Mrs. Jessie Keller

484-Mr. Frank Moody

684-Mrs. Jane Harts

#### St. Joseph:

521-Mrs. Hildred Favory

## CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Don & Barb Short, a son, Ryan Edward, on 1/25/75. Barb is our church secretary who is now on maternity leave.

## FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Aden Current on 1/27/75. Sympathy is extended to Irene and the three sons and families. Aden had been a member here from 1949-1958.

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

to Vincent Wells in the death of his step-father in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

## THANKS FOR HELP

Myron and Candace Cole & Romane Cole who stepped in at the last minute and hosted the Fellowship Hour last Sunday after Worship.

## SINGLES CLASS PARTY

The Singles Class is going ice skating and tobogganning on Sat., Feb. 1, to Echo Valley in Kalama-zoo, Mich.

Anyone interested should call Bruce Lehman 745-2612 or Jim Stucky 745-1002 for further details.

## PERSONAL MENTION (continued)

### Parkview:

330-Mrs. Mildred Shore

347-Mr. Joe Siples

435-Mr. Wayne Penney

## JANUARY AVERAGES:

Church Worship 298

Church School 160

Budget Giving \$1,940.44

## NEW MEMBERS DURING JANUARY:

Paula Sue Meadows

Eunice Conrad

Mary Lavina McCarthy



# WORK, PLAY, WORSHIP

The common complaint of contemporary Americans, young and old, rich and poor, is that they are too busy. We frequently find ourselves apologizing and lamenting that we are too busy ourselves--and we are often hurt by the discovery that others are too busy for us. Yet, for all our busyness, we never seem to experience anything that approaches fulfillment or transcendence. And those who would seem to have the greatest opportunities for leisure are often among those who find it to be most elusive.

Perhaps the reason why so many modern men and women are having difficulty integrating their lives, and thereby finding meaning and satisfying relationships, is because they are confused about the roles which their work, their play and their worship are playing in their lives. Most Americans believe and practice these three things but few have adequately or creatively integrated them into their life-style.

To put it sharply, most middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play, and to play at their worship. As a result, their meanings and values are distorted, their relationships disintegrate faster than they can keep them in repair, and their life-styles resemble a host of characters in search of a plot...

Work should indeed be regarded as both good and necessary, but when it is allowed to function as the chief determinant of human identity as well as the index of human worth, it dehumanized men and their relationships. When it locks men and women into value systems and life-styles in order to support particular socio-economic systems, especially when those systems ascribe unto themselves some sort of metaphysical authority or origin, work becomes a demonic force. When work becomes the all-consuming interest of man, even if his work is good and necessary, it is idolatry...

What is needed is not a resuscitation of the dead idol, nor merely a replacement, but a radical reconsideration of the meaning and purpose of human life--a reconsideration which includes some clearer understanding of all three of the elements we have discussed--work, play, and worship -- and some new arrangement in their priorities and relationships.

Gordon Dahl in Jan.-Feb. issue of Alive Now!

MON SUNDAY: "HARMONIZING WITH SPIRITUAL REALITY"-Matt. 4:1-11; Matt. 26:36-44. Does a particular form of religious thought and practice encourage the acceptance or denial of reality? Does it foster magical or future religious beliefs. Does it encourage intellectual honesty with respect to doubts? Does it oversimplify the human situation or face its complexity?

### YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

This Saturday at 10:00 A.M. marks the beginning day of our eight week series of special classes for youth of grades 6, 7, and 8 with Dr. Cline. Basic issues of the Christian faith, the Christian commitment, and church membership are considered as background for a personal decision of Christ as Lord and Savior. Older or younger youth are welcome but are asked to discuss the matter with the pastor prior to Saturday. Call him if there are questions or any need of transportation.

### CALLING FOR SINGERS OR DRAMA PARTS-LIGHTING-OR PROP WORKERS:

This Sunday at 4:00 P.M. is the TIME FOR youth and adults to come for an introduction to "THE EVERYBODY GAP". This is a folk musical liturgy which will be presented here on Thursday evening, March 27 for our annual Maundy Thursday worship experience.

Hena Lucas, drama director, needs at least seven persons to try out for reading or movement individual parts. Jerry Zimmerman, instrumental director, is seeking a drummer, guitarists, and other instrumentalists: Mel Busse, musical director, is wanting 20 to 50 youth and adult singers. Schellie Schell, technical director, needs workers for props, electricians for lighting, costuming and make-up. Marlene Crouse is coordinating director.

### ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

The annual Choral Festival for area church choirs will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 P.M. at the New Haven United Methodist Church.

Over 250 singers from 9 different church choirs, including our own, will join together praising God in song.

Plan now to attend a truly inspiring musical evening.

### JOIN DAILY DISCIPLES

This sharing and intercessory prayer group will begin another 3 month series meeting the first and third Sunday evenings of each month. Come this Sunday the 2nd at 9:00 P.M. It closes promptly at 10:00. Prayer concerns coming out of daily life and relationships are shared, questions and interaction on prayer, and closing prayer comprise the evening. The group has a covenant of daily prayer for one another based upon realized needs.

### CALL TO FAITHFULNESS

Along with the snow which blew in last Saturday night and Sunday, our giving dropped to \$1,375.13, and knocked our January giving average by \$200 a Sunday. We need gifts large and small from every member and friend in order to achieve our budget need level of \$2,150 weekly. Our gifts enable the hands, feet, voices and love of Christ's body, the church, in the world today! We are partners in His ministry and mission.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

11:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

10:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

1:00 P.M. Rehearsals for

"THE EVERYBODY GAP"

3:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

6:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Pearl

decker, 2445 Fairfield

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Laura

ks, 4705 Lafayette Esplanade

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Beverly

dricks, 7714 Kettering

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

TRY NEEDS: CEREALS  
CANNED FRUIT  
POWDERED MILK

## GREETINGS IN OUR LORD!

I want to share with you my deep appreciation of our worship hours on Sunday. Many seemed to sense the presence of God in various ways. The solo of Becky Buskirk, "Fill My Cup", was touching. The singing especially of favorite hymns was strong. We appreciate the leadership of our choir and their special music. The Scriptural base for worship spoke to several people strongly. Three decisions in the 10:45 hour were a highlight.

I would ask your prayers for our worship in addition to the elders and others who regularly prepare for worship with prayer in my office. Sunday, I had the deep sense of expectation and fulfillment. God does bless us richly.

Two things loom immediately ahead. Our Week of Compassion will both give us a challenge of needs in our world and an opportunity to share in ministry in the name of Christ. Ponder, reflect, and give in the coming weeks for this cause. Lent opens next Wednesday as a season of preparation to celebrate Christ's death and resurrection. May our worship build toward the climax of Easter Celebration.

See you Sunday!

*Harold E. Cline*



## SERVING FEBRUARY 9

### Elders

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and  
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Harold Crowder and  
Ralph Church

### Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, R. Cole,  
C. Hetrick, B. Lehman

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, J. Wiley,  
R. Johnson, M. Crouse, C. Cline,  
D. Andrews, J. Taylor, D. Young,  
H. Stevenson.

### Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Ludwig,  
D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Frappier,  
M. Finkhousen, M. Byers

### Deaconesses

Norma Andrews and Rosemary Krull

### Greeters

8:15 A.M. Elinor Place and  
Susan Thompson

10:45 A.M. V. Williams, A. Dare,  
D. Merriman, S. Knuckles

### Acolytes

8:15 A.M. A. Lee & B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. Ruble & L. Ruble

## PERSONAL MENTION

### IN HOSPITALS:

#### Lutheran:

M121-Mrs. Grace Truby

M101-Mrs. Mary McCarthy

#### St. Joseph:

521-Mrs. Hildred Favory

615-Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

#### Lutheran:

329-Mr. Ted Overmyer

(father of Carole Overmyer)

### WEDDING BY PASTOR

Virgil Lee Hiatt, Jr., and  
Brenda Angelyn Lee on 1/31/75.  
They are residing at 7222 Hickory  
Creek Drive, 09.

## THREE RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Steven R. Harter, 4922  
Knoll Rd. 09 - 747-4328, identified  
with our congregation in a transfer  
of membership from the N. Highlands  
Church of Christ. Steve is a sixth  
grade teacher at Lindley Elementary  
School, a graduate of Ball State and  
St. Francis, and is interested in  
sports and the Civil War. Tana is  
in the home with Chris, 4, and Kasey  
2, and likes to read and garden.

Mrs. Irene Current, 4519 Oliver-09  
456-1180, re-instated her membership  
in our congregation. She had been a  
member here from 1949 until 1958.  
Sunday she recalled her 50th anniversary  
of her commitment to Christ  
within the Fellowship of our Glen  
Park Christian Church in Gary. Irene  
is an avid reader and volunteer worker.  
She has three grown sons, John,  
Robert, and David, and three grandchildren.  
She is a niece of Mrs.  
Blanche Hetrick.

We welcome these in our fellowship

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Burrell Feltenburger and Karen  
Zimmerman and families in the death  
of E.J. Linton, father and grand-  
father respectively.

To Ladine Addison, a former member  
in the death of her sister. She  
had the flowers sent which were in  
worship Sunday.

## DEAR FRIENDS of FIRST CHRISTIAN

Floyd and I deeply appreciate your  
many prayers, calls, cards, flowers,  
and hospital visits during Floyd's  
recent hospitalization. Floyd has  
recently been returned home and is  
recuperating fairly well, for which  
we are extremely grateful.

In Christian love,  
Floyd and Jennie Morrical

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES -January 21, 1975

Present were 29 of the 33 regular members. Two had informed the office of absence due to a death and due to work taking another out of town. Two members of the Lay Personnel committee were present for the entire meeting and two others came later to meet with committee chairmen/chairwomen.

After discussion, it voted to hold the Board meetings regularly on the second Tuesday evening of each month. Because of information received later, this was thrown into question. The chairman has set the next meeting for Tuesday, March 4 at 7:30 P.M. This allows time for committees to be formed and to meet and also sets a possible night without major conflict for any member known at this point. (Any Board of Trustee member with a conflict on the first Tuesday of each month should contact the church office or Dr. Cline.)

The Board received the nominations and elected William Franklin, Herbert Janet, Earl Plummer, and Ed Allen to serve on the Lay Personnel committee. George Bruckman, chairman, and Margaret Love, Bert Leversee, Janet Weicker, and Lois Finkhousen were elected earlier by the congregation.

The folk worship liturgy, "THE EVERYBODY GAP", was approved as the basic worship carrier of our Maundy Thursday Communion Worship at 7:30 P.M. March 27. Leaders include: Marlene Crouse, Coordinating Director; Nena Lucas, Drama Director; Mel Busse, Musical Director; Jerry Zimmerman, Instrumental Director; and Schellie Schell, Technical Director.

Upon motion by Merle Grimm, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance committee, the board approved the following: Payment of the \$1,653.88 balance on hand from Appeal giving as of Dec. 31 towards our Indiana Appeal living; \$3,000 was eliminated from budget support for operational support of Basic Mission Finance and \$2,000 of this will be used during February and March to complete our Appeal goal. The lacking loan payments will be complete from budgeted funds by the end of June.

Two motions were made to facilitate our Safe Deposit Boxes. Efforts will be made to move from two locations to one, the five officers elected by the congregation will be the authorized signers for entrance, and at least two of these five officers must be present and sign to gain admission to a box. A motion was made for an inventory of contents to be reported at the next meeting and a similar inventory to be made in June of each succeeding year. Both motions carried.

The Board voted a suggestion of Dr. Cline to covenant in Triads for daily intercessory prayer on an experimental basis until the next meeting.

After the regular Board was dismissed, a meeting was held to enable chairmen/chairwomen to select persons to serve on the various functional committees. The membership of all committees will be reported at the next meeting.

Along with the treasurer's reports, the people report, a six month outreach support summary, it was announced that the church is the benefactor of the residue of the estate of Edna Saxon after bills are paid.

## ENDURING REMEMBRANCES THROUGH MEMORIAL GIFTS

Because of irregular reporting of such gifts, the following is a complete listing of Memorial Gifts during 1974 and January 20, 1975. These gifts include \$1,290 in designated gifts for Improved Outdoor Lighting System; Children's Hymnals; Books for the Church Library; Church Vocation Trust Fund; and payments on P.A. system. Also included is a total of \$255 of undesignated Memorial Gifts which is equally divided among the Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund, the Endowment Memorial Trust Fund, the Building and Equipment Fund, and the Capital Outreach Fund.

### IN MEMORY OF

Jay McCarel

" "

Laura Gildea

Zoa Jordan

" "

Mrs. Ethel Koontz

" " "

Lawrence Horn

Pauline Speicher

Mrs. Ethel Koontz

Pauline Speicher

Jay McCarel

Mr. & Mrs. O. G. Schell

David Hogg

Walter Keebortz

Beulah Milburn

David Hogg

Henry Pfluger

Jessie Vernor

Edna Saxon

Mrs. E. Siples

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Egly

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Mr. & Mrs. Monroe Brosius

Mrs. Leon Johns

Dewey & Irene Duncan

Delores Keebortz

Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

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Choir Members

Charles Speicher

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp

Musical Arts Club

Ethel Richhart

Mr. & Mrs. Al Schell

Mildred Hogg

Delores Keebortz

Monday Morning Study Group

Ronald Gehring

Monday Morning Study Group

Friendly Class

Friendly Class

Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich

Mrs. Ethel Birkhold

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder

### \$100 GIVEN FOR GIDEONS

\$100 was given Sunday in response to the presentation of Mr. Robert E. Bruner on the work of Gideons.

### ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

This Choral Festival for area church choirs will be held on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 P.M. at the New Haven United Methodist Church.

### C.W.F. VISITS ALLEN CO. HEALTH CENTER:

Volunteers are needed to visit the Allen Co. Health Center, Lima Road, to help the patients enjoy Bingo, and to help serve refreshments.

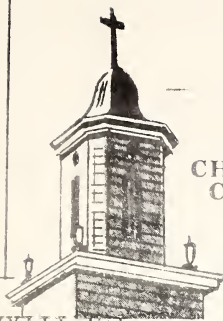
Date: February 10-1:30 to 3 P.M. Meet at the church by 1 P.M. (drivers are also needed) or at the Health Center



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

10:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship  
6:00 P.M. O.M.S. Potluck in  
Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
4:00 P.M. Rehearsals  
5:00 P.M. CYF Executive Meeting  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
7:30 P.M. ECUMENICAL CHORAL  
FESTIVAL

9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10:00 A.M. Study Group

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

7:30 P.M. Study Group, Jerry &  
Andy Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver Ave.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

## COUNTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT  
SOUPS  
PORK & BEANS

## WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 16-23

Our annual special giving to meet emergency and continuing human needs in the name of Christ is here. Special envelopes in sets or pews can be used on either of the next two Sundays. The total Church School Offering on February 23 will be a part of this offering.

Our national goal for our Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) is \$1,125,000. A responsible goal for our congregation would be \$1,125 or 1/1,000 of the total. The usage is a mixed bag. It supports basic and immediate response mechanism in times of disaster. It supports structures that make it possible for the church to respond ecumenically in the name of Christ. It provides graduate scholarships for a few promising leaders of the church around the world. It participates in developmental projects large and small, public health programs and family planning clinics around the world.

In our current world hunger crisis, \$1,125,000 doesn't seem to amount to much. But it makes so much difference in some places that we have to admit: MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!

# SERVING FEBRUARY 16, 1975

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and  
Robert Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and  
Andrew Crowe

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, R. Petty,  
J. Olson, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. S. Hayes, D. Short,  
D. Young, R. Baugher, J. Taylor,  
R. Cole, D. Markley, R. Wortley,  
J. Wiley

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman,  
Jim Stucky, Don Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, G. Bozarth,  
H. Stevenson, R. Baugher

## Deaconesses

Norma Andrews and Rosemary Krull

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Lee & R. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, R. Johnson,  
R. Krull, R. Baugher

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. P. Olson & B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. A. Fountain and  
S. Mollenhour

## Homebound Communion

Charles Ludwig & Rocky Baugher

Harold Crowder & Robert Petty

## Coffee Hour Hosts

CYF Youth Group

## IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran:

329-Mr. Ted Overmeyer

867-Miss Debbie Clifton

St. Joseph:

512-Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Robert Clipp in the death  
of his brother, Donald, on Feb.  
1 in Florida.

## REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

Ruby Cline spoke for Laity Sun-  
day on January 26 in the Hobbs  
Christian Church.

The Rocky Baugher family parti-  
cipated on the Lay Witness Mission  
Team with Hank Hayes last week-end  
at St. John's Lutheran Church,  
Bloomington, Illinois

Chad Cline led the Youth section  
of the Lay Witness Mission in 1st  
Christian Church, Lafayette, with  
Harry Dawson as Coordinator.

Jeff & Suzanne Heaton, Melanie  
Baugher, are slated to serve on  
the Lay Witness Team this coming  
weekend in the Beacon Heights  
Church of the Brethren here in Ft.  
Wayne. Pray for this mission  
which is being coordinated by Ray  
& Sharon Fredericks.

## ERROR IN LISTING

The name should have been Gene  
Feltenburger last week instead of  
Burrell.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Mel & Barbara Busse, who are  
the proud parents of Christopher  
Allen, born on 1/6/75.

To Bill & Andrea Benny in the  
birth of Jill Marie on 2/7/75.

## THANK YOU DEPARTMENT

Thanks to Earl Fusselman, who  
had our drive and sidewalks clear-  
ed of snow by 7:00 A.M. on Sunday.  
Out lot was cleared by eight and  
chemicals on walks and drive to  
get rid of ice. We rejoice in the  
quick help!

Thanks to Leslie and Hortense  
Futterer in the donation of a new  
42 cup Empire coffee percolator.

# 7:30 P.M. - SUNDAY EVENING - ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Celebration Worship participants will go as a group from our parking lot at 6:45 P.M. this Sunday evening to share in this festival at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Hwy. East in New Haven. Others are invited to go directly to New Haven or to share rides from the parking lot.

Choirs participating include: Christ United Methodist, First Christian Church, First Missionary Church, Grace United Church of Christ, Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, New Haven United Methodist, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and Waynedale United Methodist.

Our choir will be rehearsing the numbers with the others this Thursday in preparation for the Festival on Sunday. Join in the special opportunity for worship. We rejoice in our choir's participation in this annual event! Let's support them even though the service is a bit farther than usual!

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## WORSHIP TODAY -

A CREATIVE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH DON MARSH  
(Co-composer with Pastor Richard Avery of  
HYMNS HOT AND CAROLS COOL; Choirmaster and  
Director of Arts in Christian Education,  
First Presbyterian Church, Port Jervis, N.Y.)

FEBRUARY 24, 1975 - First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne.

*The Workshop is open to all who are concerned with the church worship service and worship planning areas. Included will be experiments with sounds, movements, improvisations, drama, and other things to enlarge your vocabulary in a worship experience that can be--*

re-considered, re-constructed, re-vitalized!!

2:00-4:00 P.M. -- Special Emphasis for Pastors --Fee \$2.00)  
Organists, Choir Directors ) Both

7:00-9:30 P.M. -- All who have an interest in --Fee \$2.00) Sessions  
church worship today ) \$3.00

YOU ARE WELCOME AT EITHER, OR BOTH SESSIONS, COME EARLY!  
MUSIC AND JOYFUL NOISE!

SING NEW HYMNS AND CAROLS!

REDISCOVER THE PSALMS! REJOICE!

SPONSORED BY: Fort Wayne Chapter, American Guild of Organists  
Tri-State Chapter, Choisters Guild.

DINNER WITH DON MARSH -- Served at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 E. Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 6:00 P.M.--\$3.00

REGISTRATION THROUGH OUR CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19.



## LAUBACH LITERACY WORKSHOP

The Fort Wayne Literacy Council will conduct a fourteen-hour workshop for training new volunteer tutors in the Laubach method of teaching illiterate adults to read and write.

Sessions will be held at the Broadway Christian Church, 910 Broadway, on Monday, Feb. 17; Wednesday, Feb. 19; Monday, Feb. 24; and Wednesday, Feb. 26, with registration at 9:30 A.M. on the first day. Trainees should take a sack lunch; coffee & tea will be served. There is a charge of \$6.00 for the Workshop which covers the cost of materials.

Anyone is eligible to become a tutor, and there is a great need, not only to supply tutors for the English speaking person with a reading problem, but to teach English to the Foreign-born living in our area.

Interested persons may phone Mrs. Orus Eash, 432-3962.

To Pastor and Mrs. Cline and the Good People of First Christian:

We wish to express to you how very much we enjoyed our time of fellowship and worship with you on Sunday, February 2. Your friendly welcome warmed our hearts.

The fine offering of \$100.00 for the work of Gideons International in buying Scripture for distribution is much appreciated and will be a blessing to many. It has been estimated that each motel Bible will be read by 3,000 people. So, the 56 Bibles your offering will purchase could be the means of reaching 168,000 individuals with the message of God's love and the way of salvation. That's quite an investment, isn't it?

Thank you also for your continued prayers for the Gideon ministry just as we remember the work and workers of your church in our prayers.

Sincerely in Christian Love,  
Bob and Anne Bruner

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## WORLD HUNGER PRAYER

When I go to the supermarket and almost mechanically select from the well-stocked shelves what I will eat today or tomorrow -

Lord, let me think about the millions of hands that grab empty bowls and scratch parched earth.

Let me not forget that I am full in a world where daily 70,000 die of hunger.

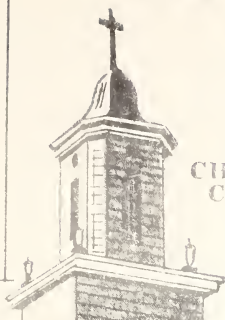
Lord, take from me every balm bringing sleep to my conscience.

Awaken me to the question: What do I do with the gifts you have entrusted to me to attack hunger, sickness and suffering?

--from "Contemporary Prayers"

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

0:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship

0:00 A.M. C.W.F. Executive Mtg.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

0:45 A.M. Divine Worship

"MOVING BEYOND IDOLATRY", Lk.5:1-11

Matt. 19:16-22

4:00 P.M. Rehearsals for

"THE EVERYBODY GAP"

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

2:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

BABY FOOD

SUGAR

PEANUT BUTTER

SOUPS

## MIRACLES DO HAPPEN

We desire the miracle of WEEK OF COMPASSION GIVING exceed \$1,125 this coming Sunday, February 23. \$268.25 has been given to date so we have \$856.75 to go.

This is a special emphasis to share with other Christians in emergency relief in times of disaster, in responding to the crisis of hunger in our world this year, and to help in rehabilitation and aid for refugees and developing nations.

The total Church School offering plus that received in Week of Compassion envelopes either in the pews or from the giving sets will go for this cause of ministry to human needs in the name of Christ. The goal of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is \$1,125,000.

We thank our children who have taken a lead in making us aware of the Week of Compassion. Copies of "WEEK OF COMPASSION NEWS" edited by the 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grade classes are available at the church. Mobiles by the 1st & 2nd graders and posters by the 7th & 8th graders are eye catching. The Chi Rho youth have decided to save \$1 per person from incidental spending and give to WEEK OF COMPASSION.

CARE THROUGH GIVING SUNDAY!

# SERVING FEBRUARY 23

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Bill Schilling and  
Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and  
Bill Franklin

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, D. Allen,  
C. Hetrick, R. Cole.

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor, D. Andrew,  
M. Crouse, R. Johnson, J. Wiley,  
S. Hayes, D. Young, R. Wortley,  
D. Short

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Olson  
J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,  
M. Finkhousen, J. Frappier

## Deaconesses

Norma Andrew & Rosemary Krull

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler and  
Delores Keebortz

10:45 A.M. V. Williams, M. Cook,  
E. Place, K. Banet

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Tim Sauerwein and  
Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Anne Frappier and  
Diana Schrock

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Max Finkhousen's and??

## IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran:

574-Mr. Robert Clipp

867-Miss Debbie Clifton

Parkview:

330-Mrs. Mildred Shores

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Paul Truby and family in  
the death of his mother, Alice,  
on Feb. 14 at the Lutheran Home.

## NEW MEMBER BY TRANSFER

Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson, 815  
W. Jefferson, 04 - 437-1683, has  
asked that her membership be trans-  
ferred from First Christian, New  
Castle to our congregation. She  
has been on our Home Communion  
list for several months and was  
taken from the hospital to Colonial  
Crest Convalescent Center last  
week. Her daughter, Mary McCarthy,  
identified with us several weeks  
ago. Mrs. Ferguson has had a long  
identification with the Christian  
Church including our church in  
Shadyside, Ohio, when it was  
served by A. Dale Fiers, our form-  
er general minister and president  
of the Christian Church. We wel-  
come her into our fellowship of  
care and love.

## THANK YOU NOTE

An expression of thanks for the  
cards & visits from Dr. Cline and  
Miriam Bixenman and prayers during  
my stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Jessie L. Keller

## PRAY FOR MEMBERS GOING

The Rocky Baugher family are  
serving on a Lay Witness Team  
being coordinated by Charles Hopper  
at the Salamonie Church of the  
Brethren in Warren, Indiana this  
weekend.

## RECENT MOVES TO CARE CENTERS

Mrs. Ethel Busch to Indian Village  
Health Center.

Mrs. Hildred Favory to Crow's Haven  
Nursing Home.

Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson to Colon-  
ial Crest Convalescent Center.



# FINAL CALL FOR HELP--OLD ISSUES OF THE TIDINGS AND BULLETINS

We are again asking you to check any old issues of weekly bulletins or E TIDINGS which we need to complete the file and allow us to bind what we have on hand. The following issues are missing as we have checked and checked the copies on hand in the church office. Please bring any of the following issues to the Church office by March 6.

## MISSING ISSUES OF THE TIDINGS:

December 30, 1970 #14  
 September 25, 1969 #52  
 August 26, 1965 #46  
 September 1, 1960 #48  
 September 8, 1960 #49  
 February 26, 1959 #22  
 February 19, 1959 #21  
 January 29, 1959 #18  
 January 15, 1959 #16  
 January 1, 1959 #14  
 November 27, 1958 #9

We have the following issues of Vol. 16 from October 1957-September 1958. All others are needed from this group:  
 October 3, 1957 #1  
 December 12, 1957 #11  
 December 26, 1957 #13  
 January 2, 1958 #14  
 January 9, 1958 #15  
 May 1, 1958 #31  
 May 8, 1958 #32  
 May 15, 1958  
 May 22, 1958 #33  
 May 29, 1958 #34  
 June 5, 1958 #35  
 June 12, 1958 #36  
 September 25, 1958 #50

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1966-Jan. 31

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 July 3  
 Nov. 6  
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 Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25

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Aug. 19

1965-need all

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July 25,  
 Nov. 7, 14, 28

1961-Jan. 1, 15

Feb. 5, 17  
 Mar. 5

1964-Jan. 12

Feb. 2  
 Mar. 1, 22, 29  
 Apr. 12  
 May 10, 17  
 June 21, 28  
 July-all  
 Aug.-all  
 Sept.-all

Apr. 23  
 May 7, 14  
 June 4, 18  
 Sept. 17  
 Oct. 8, 29  
 Nov. 5  
 Dec.-all

1960-Jan. 17, 31

Feb. 7, 14  
 Mar. 20  
 Apr.-all  
 May-all  
 June-all  
 July 3, 10  
 Sept. 11, 18, 25  
 Oct.-all  
 Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27  
 Dec. 4, 11, 18

1959-Oct-all

Nov.-all  
 Dec. 6, 13, 27

1957-May 19

July-all  
 Aug.-all

1956-Oct., Nov., Dec.-all

## D.M.A. NEXT TUESDAY

All retirees, widows, widowers, or others past 60 are invited for a covered dish dinner next Tuesday the 25th at 12:00 noon.

Hosting the day are Gladys Hoop, Earl & Reba Fusselman, and Harold Crowder. Bring hobby items, craft items, hand work items to show and tell. Share with others what you enjoy doing with your time.

Come and bring others with you for eating, fellowship, sharing and reminiscing!

## DEAR FRIENDS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH,

Harvey and I want to thank all who sent cards and Rev. Clune for the little books of prescriptions and your prayers. The minister out here at Mesa First Christian Church came to see Harvey about every day or two while he was in the hospital, called at the house several times. We think a lot of him, he is from Muncie. Born and raised in Ohio.

Harvey feels real good but the doctor won't let him drive yet so we have not been able to go to church.

Saw Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Edwards several times. They are okay.

Hope to see you some time this spring. We plan on leaving here about April 20. Our daughter back there is flying out to drive us back.

Love to all,  
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Smelser

## GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS!

We are in the Lenten season which is a preparation time for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. May I suggest four pointed suggestions for this season:

1. DISCIPLINE-Manifest the discipline of regular worship and daily contact with God through prayer and Bible reading. Disciplines enable realization and growth.

2. ENLISTMENT-Reach out to others and invite and bring them with you to groups, study, and worship. The enlistment task of the church is the casual everyday relationships and is the responsibility of every Christian.

3. CARE-Express a depth of care for one or more persons. Be a listener, pray in their behalf, stand ready to assist to any need or help for their life. Take time to let someone know that he is important and valuable in God's eyes and in our eyes.

4. GIVING-Our special annual effort to provide for relief and rehabilitation is upon us in the WEEK OF COMPASSION. Make a generous gift to cover the year. Sickness and bad weather on Sundays have taken a severe toll on budget giving in recent weeks. Enable the church through generous and regular giving.

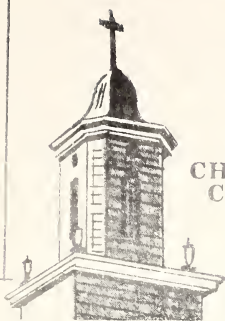
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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

0:00 A.M. Youth Discipleship Class

8:00 P.M. Faith at Work-Uniondale

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

4:00 P.M. Rehearsals for

"The Everybody Gap"

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

7:00 P.M. Harding High School

will present two parables from

"Godspell"

9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

### MONDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rosemary

Full, 3466 S. Washington Road

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Martha

Full, 7430 U.S. Hwy. 24 West.

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Betty

Full, 1320 West Sherwood Terrace

7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Kathryn

Full, 933 W. Oakdale

## WORSHIP GOD THIS SUNDAY!

Worship is central in the life of each Christian believer and also in the life of the church. Worship is the rehearsal of thanksgiving to God and of love and service for man. Worship enables the community to find mutual life and growth as a people of God. Worship is decision time for growth in Christ. Worship celebrates the life and love given us by God. Worship is directed toward God, shared in community, based on redemption, and lengthened by service.

"WINDOWS TO SEE INTO REALITY" is the Sunday sermon theme by Dr. Cline with the basic texts including John 2:1-11 and John 6:35-69.

A group of the Harding High School players will present two parables from the musical, "GODSPELL" at 7:00 P.M. in our Worship Nave. This is directed by Mrs. Susan Nelson. Those desiring interaction on the parables and a further worship experience of relationship, prayer, and communion will move into the Parlor. All are invited to share this dramatic and musical presentation of the Gospel account.

WORSHIP GOD THIS SUNDAY--LAY A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR A SEVEN-STORY WEEK!



### SERVING MARCH 2

#### Elders

8:15 A.M. William Love and  
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. James Ruble and  
Mark Snyder

#### Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, J. Olson,  
W. Bowen, R. Petty

10:45 A.M. C. Cline, R. Baugher,  
H. Stevenson, R. Cole, J. Wiley,  
R. Johnson, D. Andrew, S. Hayes,  
D. Markley

#### Deaconesses

Edna Nordbloom and M. L. Hartzler

#### Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Baugher,  
G. Rozarth, H. Stevenson

#### Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Lee and R. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman, A. Dare,  
D. Merriman, S. Knuckles.

#### Acolytes

8:15 A.M. D. Church & S. Grimm

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe & M. Cole

#### Homebound Communion

Glenn Miller and Joe Wiley

Andrew Crowe and Russ Wortley

#### Coffee Hour Hosts

Mark and Pauline Snyder

Bob and Donna Johnson

### IN HOSPITALS

#### Parkview:

330-Mrs. Mildred Shores

246-Mrs. Eunice Oswald

#### St. Joseph:

208-Mrs. Melody Lehman

304-Mrs. Mrytle DeVinney

St. Margaret's Hospital, Hammond:

515-Mr. Charles Eckert, who had  
4 hour emergency surgery on 2/23.

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### RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Atwood, 2504  
Hoevelwood Drive-06 - 447-5496,  
identified with our congregation  
in a transfer of membership.  
Vivian had been a member of the  
Calvary Presbyterian Church and  
Charles had been a member of the  
Pittsfield UMC at Pittsfield, Ill.  
Charles works for Pillsbury Flour  
and Vivian for Miss and Master  
Child's Wear Shop. They have two  
children, Ann, who lives in Barrington,  
Ill and Susan Thompson who is  
a member here.

We welcome these in our fellowship.

### FEBRUARY AVERAGES

Worship	266
Church School	128
Budget Giving	\$1,723.76

### FEBRUARY ADDITIONS

Steven and Tana Harter  
Irene Current  
Winnie Mae Ferguson  
Charles and Vivian Atwood

### WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our special giving to date for  
Week of Compassion is \$782.87.

This giving can be received  
through next Sunday.

### IN HOSPITALS (continued)

#### Lutheran:

M206-Mrs. Joyce Crowe

574-Mr. Robert Clipp

636-Mr. Jack Phillips

869-Miss Debbie Clifton

890-Miss Vicki Grier

## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER FOLLOWED BY MISSION & POTENTIAL CONFERENCE

The invitation mat is out for all to stay after our 10:45 A.M. worship on Sunday, March 9. Our Membership Committee is arranging for a boxed chicken dinner at \$1.25 per person. In addition to the boxes, drinks, salads, and cakes will be furnished. Call the church office at 744-3239 to turn in your name and number of reservations for the chicken dinners at \$1.25. We feel that this is a rich fellowship opportunity. Several have asked recently when we would be eating together again.

At 1:00 P.M., we will have singing, the congregational election of voting representatives for our General Assembly in San Antonio in August, and a report of our congregation's outreach sharing since last July 1.

Dr. T. J. Liggett, president of Christian Theological Seminary; Garland Farmer, former missionary and currently vice-president of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church; and Jim R. Keown, Associate Regional Minister of Indiana -- This team will lead in a very special program of education and interpretation of our world outreach mission and potential. They will utilize visual materials used last fall on regional levels and will make brief presentations with much time for questions and dialogue.

Since over 20% of our giving is going for community and world outreach programs, this is a key opportunity to become informed concerning the whats and whys of our support. The entire afternoon is open to our sister congregations, and most especially the period from 1:30 to 3:00 when all will be finished.

We are privileged to host this on the congregational level similar to 7 other cluster meetings across our region the previous week. The stated purpose is to update all on where we are in our Outreach Support (which is very good), to hear something about our total witness as a church, and to discuss our potential.

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## SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

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A real opportunity is available to us, and close by, at that, on April 6. Lyman Coleman will be conducting a Serendipity Workshop at the Atkinson Hotel in downtown Indianapolis from 9:00 A.M. - 5:45 P.M. Some of our people have attended one or more of these and have termed their experience a mountain top, "nothing else to equal it", and other equally vivid ex-pressions. Some have found the experience so good that they have returned a second time, and some are even contemplating a third experience. No two are alike. Cost of registration, if there are six or more going from one location, is \$20.00. First Christian Church will pay half of this. Your registration is needed as quickly as possible. See Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Milne. Hopefully, several cars will be going down, so transportation is not a problem. We will share rides.

### ATTENTION BOARD MEMBERS

Our regular March meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 4, in room 120. We are striving to keep right at 100% attendance. If any must be absence because of being sick or out of the city, call the church office. The Board is representative of the elders, deacons, deaconesses, congregation, and includes all chairpersons and officers.

### PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Discipleship Class series of Dr. Cline for Senior High youth and adults will begin on Sunday, April 6. This class considers basics of the Christian faith and is open to members and prospective members. It will meet for 10 weeks during the Church School hour.

### BETHANY COLLEGE CHOIR COMING

The Spring tour of the Bethany College Choir will include our church on its itinerary. The concert will be held in our nave at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, April 7. We have given them a standing invitation for several years, but they have now scheduled us for this concert. Sally Cline of our congregation sings in the touring choir.

### CHURCH CALENDAR CONTINUED

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 6

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

1:30 P.M. World Day of Prayer

Service--Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 West Berry Street.

#### PANTRY NEEDS:

BABY FOOD

CEREAL

SOUPS

#### COFFEE & TEA DURING CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs. Virginia Bruckman is preparing a large urn of coffee and one of tea which is available to any after early worship as Church School begins. All classes are welcome to come and secure a cup and carry to the various classrooms. Please dispose of empty cups after class sessions.

This centralized effort is desired rather than each class making its own.

#### NOTE OF THANKS:

Thanks to Dr. Cline and Mrs. Bixenman for calls and prayers and for all the cards I received during my stay in the hospital.

Grace Truby

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

Paul and Grace Truby

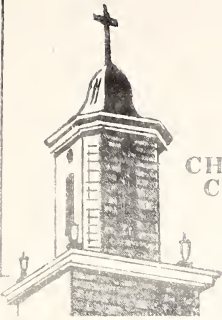
#### THANKS

to Sadie Kattas, Irene Cline, Judy Church and Vaughn and Marvel Brickley for ehlping at the Allen County Health Center this month.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 12:15 P.M. Congregational Dinner
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Groups & E. of A.
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
- 7:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Edna  
Vaught, 4035 Fairfield.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Maude  
Donohue, 2724 Hoagland Avenue.
- 7:00 P.M. Bell Choir & E. of A.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Connie  
Wells, 935 Poplar.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor.
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
- 7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service Mtg.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- 9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

50 WORSHIPPED WITH US LAST SUNDAY!  
WORSHIP GOD, IT WILL HELP YOU KNOW  
WHO YOU ARE!

## DINNER AND MEETING SUNDAY

Fellowship can be enjoyed this Sunday noon following our 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour--Call the church office immediately if you have not made a reservation to date. Cost is \$1.25 per person for 2 pieces of chicken, potatoes, cole slaw, and roll in a packaged box. The Membership Committee is furnishing jello salads, cake, and drinks also.

Even if you cannot eat with us, join us for the afternoon.

1:00 to 1:30 P.M. -- Singing, Election of Voting Representatives to the General Assembly of Christian Churches in San Antonio, Texas, and Outreach presentation.

1:30 to 3:00 P.M. -- Educational Conference on World Outreach through audio visuals and a team including: Jim R. Keown of our Regional Staff; T. J. Liggett, President of our Seminary in Indianapolis; and Garland Farmer, vice-pres. of the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Churches.

This is a special opportunity which needs to be shared by every leader and committed member of our congregation.

Child Care & Program will be arranged from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M.

## SERVING MARCH 9

### Elders

8:15 A.M. Fred Smell and  
David Griggs

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook and  
Bert Leversee

### Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, J. Olson,  
W. Bowen, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, J. Wiley,  
M. Crouse, D. Short, J. Taylor,  
R. Wortley, D. Young, R. Johnson,  
D. Allen.

### Deaconesses

Edna Nordbloom & M.L. Hartzler

### Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
D. Olson, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,  
M. Finkhousen, G. Bozarth

### Greeters

8:15 A.M. Elinor Place and  
Susan Thompson

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, M. Cook,  
K. Banet, R. Krull

### Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Anne Lee & B. Schilling  
10:45 A.M. D. Clifton, J. Wortley

## IN HOSPITALS

### Lutheran:

890-Miss Vickie Grier

869-Miss Debbie Clifton

St. Margaret's Hospital

### Hammond:

515-Mr. Charles Eckert

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Bea Rice and family in  
the death of her grandmother,  
Mrs. Mary Welch last Thursday  
night, the 27th.

## BIRTH

to Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Finkhousen,  
a girl, Leanne Marie, on 2/28/75.

## PRAY FOR L.W.M. TEAM

Dean and Elsie Widler are coordi-  
nating a Lay Witness Mission this  
weekend in the Central Christian  
Church in Lima, Ohio. Participat-  
ing on the team from here are Jim  
Stucky, Becky Buskirk, Merle and  
Bea Rice, Barbara Schrock, Va  
Williams, Schellie Schell and Chad  
Cline. Pray for the impact of this  
weekend.

## AN INVITATION FOR ALL TO SHARE

*The most joyous of occasions  
is the union of a man and a woman  
in celebration of life...*

*Mr. & Mrs. Clair Buskirk  
and*

*Mr. & Mrs. John Stucky  
invite you to share in the  
marriage uniting their children  
Rebecca Lee  
and*

*James Wayne*

*Saturday, the fifth of April  
nineteen hundred and seventy-five  
at half after six*

*Musical prelude beginning at six  
Reception immediately following.*

## PARTICIPANTS IN MARSH WORKSHOP

The Worship Workshop focusing  
most especially on music on the  
24th was attended by the following:  
Afternoon -- Sara Davis, Miriam  
Bixenman, Harold Cline; Evening-  
Becky & Peg Buskirk, Ralph & Judy  
Church, Pat Fountain, Mel Busse,  
Ruth Plummer, and Harold & Ruby  
Cline.

## TO NURSING CARE

Mr. Joe Siples is now in room  
H-177 in Turtle Creek North.

## BIRTH

to George and Sara Davis, a son,  
James Ora, on 3/4/75.

# YOUTH CAMPS AND CONFERENCES FOR 1975

Camps and Conferences for youth scheduled through the Christian Church in Indiana and shared with the United Church of Christ and the United Presbyterian Church have listed a full schedule. The following events are selected because of location or special interest for our youth. Registration time in NOW. Fill out a form and turn it in with one-half of the fee for the activity. The church pays the other half as a Christian education subsidy. If financing the half is a problem, contact Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline.

## YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6

Camp 5 & 6 at Barbee Christian Camp, July 14-19 - Miriam Bixenman directing; Staff includes: Peg Buskirk and Debbie Nordbloom.  
10:00 A.M., Monday to 11:00 A.M., Saturday--Cost \$40

## YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8

Special God & Country & God and Community Camp at Bedford, June 23-28  
Vic Koontz, directing -

Camp 7 & 8 at Barbee Christian Camp July 7-12-Wayne Markward, directing.  
Camp 7 & 8 at Barbee Christian Camp, July 21-26-Don Hiscox, directing.  
(All 7 & 8 events - 10:00 A.M., Mond. to 11:00 A.M. Sat. - Cost \$40.)

## REGULAR CONFERENCES FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 9, 10, 11, 12

Camp 9 & 10 at Barbee Christian Camp, July 27-Aug. 2 - Harold Cline, directing. Staff includes Ruby Cline and Nancy Wortley.

Camp 11 & 12 at Barbee Christian Camp, Aug. 3-9. Drexel Rankin, directing.

(These events are 4:00 P.M. Sunday to 11:00 A.M. Saturday--Cost \$44)

## SPECIAL EVENTS FOR HIGHSCHOOLERS & POST HI

HERITAGE TOUR - for those entering grades 9 & 10, July 6-12 co-directed by Ed Kolbe & John Bolen - Tour Disciple Historical Sites - Cost \$65

MUSIC-DRAMA CONFERENCE - July 13-25 with one week at Indian Lake & one week on tour directed by Karen Warren for those entering grades 9, 10, 11, and 12. Cost \$65.

250 MILE BICYCLE HIKE - June 22-28 and riding each day from Bedford Camp for those entering grade 11 through post-hi directed by Keith Watkins. Cost \$44.

500 MILE BICYCLE HILL CLIMB for experienced cyclists - June 8-14 starting from Indianapolis and directed by Keith Watkins. Cost \$44.

SMOKIES-BACKPACK for those entering grade 11 through post hi directed by Joe Stump. Drive from Indianapolis, backpack in Smokies, and drive back week of Aug. 3-9. Cost \$44.

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FULL BROCHURES, QUESTIONS, AND TURNING IN REGISTRATION CAN BE DONE  
in church office or with Mrs. Bixenman or Dr. Cline.

PLAN AND REGISTER FOR THIS SUMMER NOW!



## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

Served Banquet at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, March 18 with program at 7:30 P.M. Come, and bring family and friends!

Program includes Mrs. Norma Antibus with 25 children presenting a puppet show of "Hansel and Grettel".

Secure tickets in CWF groups, from church office, or at table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Ticket deadline is March 14.

Husbands--Buy tickets for the female side of the house so that there is a night out for her!

## SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

Don't forget--Register Today for the Serendipity Conference in Indianapolis, April 26, 9:00 A.M. - 5:45 P.M. Make your \$10 check (for your share of the \$20 registration) Payable to First Christian Church and give it to Mrs. Biverman or Dr. Cline as soon as possible.

## CYF TO SAN ANTONIO

Our CYF youth are busy earning money and making deposits toward participation with 184 Indiana Youth at the General Assembly in San Antonio, August 15-20. Registered so far are: Schellie Schell, Chad Cline, Diana Wortley & Melanie Baugher.

## WEEK OF COMPASSION

\$847.97 has been given to date for this special emphasis. Because of a request for more time, gifts may be given still this Sunday.

## CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

### BLANKET APPEAL

\$3.00 will provide one blanket when purchased in quantity by Church World Service. Put \$3 in an envelope marked Blanket Appeal and turn it in at the church.

Last year, church world service made available 1,000 blankets for migrant workers caught in Indiana with no work and no money to return home because of the early freeze. 100 blankets were also given for tornado victims in our state. Overseas shipments of blankets aided disaster and needy families in Brazil, Indonesia, Israel, Malawi, Mauritius, Tanzania and Vietnam.

### CALLING FOR MUSIC BOOK

If anyone has the Accompanist copy of the tunes for SONGS OF JOY please return it to Dr. Cline. This collection of music has been missing and is needed. It is in a blue plastic folder.

### REHEARSALS FOR "THE EVERYBODY GAP"

This Sunday the Technical crew will meet at 3:00 P.M. in the sanctuary, Choir will meet at 3:30 in the sanctuary & speakers will meet at 4:00 P.M. Baby-sitters will be provided for those involved in the play.

### PANTRY NEEDS:

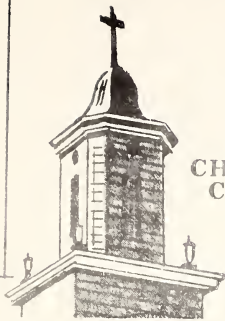
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SOUPS, CANNED MEAT.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 3:30 P.M. Play rehearsals
- 5:00 P.M. CYF Executive Mtg.
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Meetings & E of A
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship
- 9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

### MONDAY, MARCH 17

- 10:00 A.M. Study Group
- 7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
- 7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral  
Relations Committee

### TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- 6:30 P.M. C.W.F. Mother-Daughter  
Banquet
- 7:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK  
PEANUT BUTTER  
BABY FOOD  
CANNED VEGETABLES

## WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING

As we point toward Easter this year, we are singing and being reminded, "Every Morning is Easter Morning from now on!" This is the triumphant faith of each Christian and of the church. We share a triumphant word of life, love, joy, peace, and wholeness. Join in the celebration of God's working in Jesus of history and his working in the lives of people today!

Study these Scriptures in preparation for worship: John 3:1-21; Luke 7:36-50; and Matthew 23:25-28. The sermon, "RELEASED FOR WHOLENESS", is seeking to convey the positive fitness of our Lord to these questions: "Does a particular form of religious thought and practice provide effective or faulty means of helping persons move from a sense of guilt to forgiveness? Does it provide well-defined, significant, ethical guidelines, or does it emphasize ethical trivia? Is its primary concern for surface behavior or for the underlying health of the personality?"

JOIN "THE EASTER PEOPLE" IN  
WORSHIP ON THIS LORD'S DAY!

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IF YOU WANT A WARM, PERSONAL,  
RELATIONAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE--  
JOIN CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.

## SERVING MARCH 16

### Elders

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and  
Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Andrew Crowe

### Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, R. Petty,  
J. Olson, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, S. Hayes,  
H. Stevenson, R. Cole, D. Markley,  
C. Cline, D. Andrew, R. Johnson,  
J. Wiley

### Deaconesses

Edna Nordbloom & M.L. Hartzler

### Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
J. Stucky, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, A. Cook,  
H. Stevenson, J. Frappier

### Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Lee & R. Yentes

10:45 A.M. V. Williams, A. Dare,  
D. Merriman, M. Lehman

### Acolytes

8:15 A.M. P. Olson & B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. B. Johnson & L. Ruble

### Homebound Communion

Fred Smell and Walter Bowen  
Andrew Cook and Chad Cline

### Coffee Hour Hosts

Gene & Eileen Klepfer  
Michael & Marilyn Byers

## IN HOSPITALS

### Lutheran:

630-Mr. Paul Truby  
562-Mr. David Crebb  
439-Phillip M. Hendrickson  
869-Miss Debbie Clifton  
896-Miss Vicki Grier

### St. Joseph:

406-Mrs. Marie Pritchard  
807-Mrs. Irene Current  
(continued next column)

## RESPONSE TO INVITATION

James Michael Fick, 2415 Hoagland-07, 745-1321, covenanted with us in a transfer of membership from University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis. Jim is quite active as a salesman of Northwestern Mutual Life Ins., land development at Lake Wawasee, and president of the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club. His wife Judy is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and professionally teaches figure skating. We welcome this new bond of relationship in our fellowship!

## PRAY FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION

Ruby Cline is coordinating a Lay Witness Mission this weekend in the First Christian Church of Mishawaka. Ray & Sharon Fredericks are chairing the event for the congregation. Involved on the team are Peggy Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse, Jeff and Susan Heaton, Ingrid von Buchler, Dean & Elsie Widler, Nancy & Diana Wortley.

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Cecil Beck and family in the death of Mae Beck in Terre Haute on Saturday the 8th. The Beck's had been members since 1958 until their recent move to Terre Haute. His address in Terre Haute is 1850 N. Center St., 47804.

To Mrs. Virginia Brown in the death of her father last weekend in Louisville, Ky.

## IN HOSPITALS: (continued)

### Parkview:

236-Mrs. Blanche Valentine  
404-Mr. Dempsey Weaver



## CONGREGATIONAL VOTE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9

The congregation voted on the nominees to serve as Voting Representatives of our congregation at the General Assembly of the Christian Church in San Antonio, Texas, August 15-20, 1975. Elected are Nancy Wortley and Ruby Cline; Alternates are Amelia Dare and Merle Rice. Also Voting Representatives within our congregation are Miriam Bixenman & Harold Cline as ordained ministers and Valerie Williams, who was elected by Area I of the Christian Church in Indiana.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACTIONS OF MARCH 4, 1975

The Board voted the allowable increase in hours and pay for Arthur Lowery to meet the new minimum of Social Security. This shortens his hours per day but increases his days from three to four.

The first Tuesday of each month was set as the regular meeting time. 23 members were present, 2 had sent regrets, and seven were absent. Three guests attended the meeting. All meetings are open to members or friends of the congregation. The Prayer Triads were continued among the members for another month.

The resignation of Eugene Klepfer as chairman of Property was received with regrets, Ed Allen and Paul Yentes were selected as co-chairman to continue this responsibility.

The Board authorized to subsidize the participation of Voting Representatives of the congregation to the General Assembly to a maximum cost of \$250 per person.

A motion from the Christian Youth Fellowship was approved which calls for \$60 of Basic Mission Finance during this June to be credited as Youth Giving. This does not change the amount sent, but gives the youth credit in proportion to their recordable giving to the church. The CYF has also remitted \$70 from snow shoveling. Youth Giving will be noted on future budget listings of outreach support.

The Education Committee announced the participation of Karen Zimmerman, La Schilling, Nancy Terry and Marilyn Frappier in the workshop on Summer Activities on March 17. They also announced a Children's Easter Egg Hunt and program at 1:00 P.M. on March 29.

The scheduling of the Bethany Concert Choir on tour for Monday, April 17, was announced. This resulted from a letter of invitation sent several years ago. A Mission Workshop is scheduled for Sunday, April 20 from 2:30 to 3:30 P.M.

## CWS

A box will be available at the south door this Sunday for good used regular sized or baby blankets. Another way is to put \$3.00 in a special envelope and mark it Blanket Fund. This will be used to buy blankets at that price by CWS for emergency relief. Three green stamp books will provide for two blankets. SUNDAY, MARCH 16, IS BLANKET DAY

## ADDITIONAL CAMP AT BARBEE

Roger Wenzil of the Faith United Church of Christ will direct a Camp 7 & 8 at Barbee on August 11-16. Cost if \$40 for those entering grades 7 & 8.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET

Even if you do not have tickets for the meal at 6:30 P.M. next Tuesday, come at 7:30 for the program. The puppet show will be of special interest to children. Boys are welcome along with girls for the program.

The program feature is Mrs. Norma Antibus and 25 children presenting the puppet show of "Hanzel and Grettel".

## MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR MARCH 27

Our Maundy Thursday Communion Worship features "THE EVERYBODY GAP", a folk-rock liturgy climaxing with a communion experience. Good echoes of the music have been filling our building on Sunday afternoons and much work is being spent in preparing for this experience---7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 27th.

## SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

To date, the following have registered and paid their part of the fee for the Serendipity Workshop at Indianapolis on April 26. Lee Baugher, Sharon and Bobbie Pauley, and Opal Carper (Sharon's mother). Others have indicated that they intend to go. We encourage all to register and pay their \$10 fee. We wish to send all of our registrations in before Easter.

## REHEARSALS FOR "THE EVERYBODY GAP"

All persons participating in the play are asked to be prepared for a full rehearsal from 3:30 to 5:30 this Sunday. This includes soloists and ensembles.

Baby sitting will be provided from 3:30 to 5:30.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends at First Christian,

I want to say thank you to many of you who have shown love and concern for me during my pregnancy. It was not an easy one for me. I know many prayers were offered in my behalf and believe me God heard every one. He gave us a perfectly healthy baby and me an easy delivery. God bless you all.

Love in Christ,

Andy Benny

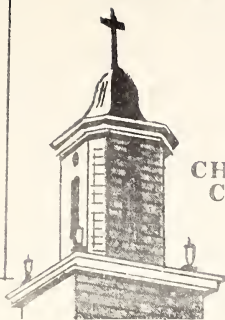
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I wish to thank Dr. Cline and friends for cards and visits to me while I was in the hospital and their prayers. I'm now recuperating at home.

Mrs. Wm. DeVinney

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
12:00 P.M. Lighting Crew  
1:30 P.M. Full Rehearsal  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups & E. of A.  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship  
8:00 P.M. Young Couples Class at  
the Cline's.  
9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 P.M. Education Committee  
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
7:30 P.M. Property Committee

### TUESDAY, MARCH 25

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck  
5:30 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir  
7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
7:30 P.M. Lighting Crew, Tech-  
nicians and Directors of play.  
8:00 P.M. Stewardship & Finance

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 to 10:00 P.M. Dress Re-  
hearsal for "THE EVERYBODY GAP"

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28

7:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure  
12:00 P.M. Good Friday Service at  
Village Green Free Methodist Ch.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

12:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt



PALM SUNDAY worship opens the annual celebration of Holy Week--the celebration of the final climactic days in the life and ministry of Jesus. Praise Jesus in worship on Sunday!

The Bell Choir will be playing for Palm Sunday worship. The Chancel Choir has special anthems. The Children's Choir will sing. Dr. Cline's sermon is "CHALLENGE TO CHANGE" based on Matthew 21:33-46 & Matthew 23:29-39. Baptism will be a part of the 10:45 Worship experience.

Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. will utilize the record by Keith Miller, "INSIDE I TREMBLE". This is his interpretative retelling of the passion story from the perspective of Matthew with feelings and reactions. This is a recording of his message at an Easter Sunrise service at Hollywood Bowl several years ago.

(Holy Week Continued on page 4)



SERVING MARCH 23

Elders

8:15 A.M. Harold Crowder and  
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks and  
Glenn Miller

Deacons

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, D.Olson,  
C. Hetrick, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. D. Short, J. Taylor,  
R. Baugher, R.Wortley, J.Wiley,  
M. Crouse, D. Young, R. Cole,  
R. Johnson.

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
G. Ludwig, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,  
M. Finkhousen, G. Bozarth,

Greeters

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-SW  
Delores Keebortz-NW

10:45 A.M. E.Nordbloom-SE.,  
S.Knuckles-NE, M.Cook-SW.,  
R. Krull-NW.

Deaconesses

Delores Overmyer & Val Williams

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. T.Sauerwein and  
S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. B. Ruble & D.Schrock

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RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Charles Randy Hunt, the son of Mrs. Laverne Hunt, 1721 Shamrock, Rd. - 09, made his confession of faith in Jesus as Lord Sunday. He is to be baptized during our worship at 10:45 A.M. on Palm Sunday. Randy is a seventh grader at Kekionga Junior High and is active in sports and the Civil Air Patrol program. We welcome Randy in this decision of life directed toward Jesus and letting Jesus live in him!

THANK YOU NOTE

We wish to thank all our friends at First Christian for their cards, prayers, and expressions of concern during Charles' recent hospitalization.

Fran & Charles Eckert

EVERYBODY GAP REHEARSALS

3:00 P.M. on Sunday---Full rehearsal with everyone present. The lighting crew is needed at 2 and help for moving the benches and furnishings at 2:30.

DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Richard and I and our family appreciate your floral tribute given as a memorial to Dad, Albert Egly.

Thank you all and may God Bless Each One of You.

Richard and Helen Egly

REGISTRATION TIMES NOW

ADULTS for Serendipity Conference with Lyman Coleman in Indianapolis on April 26-Turn in \$10 with name. YOUTH of grades 5 through college for Summer Camp and Conferences--Secure form and turn in 1/2 of fee. MEN for CMF Retreat at Indian Lake CYF'ers for trip to General Assembly at San Antonio Aug. 14-21.

## NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES AND ADJUSTMENTS--APRIL 6,--9:30 A.M.

### NEW YOUNG COUPLES CLASS--COUPLES UNDER 30

This group is gathering for a fellowship opportunity this Sunday evening, March 23 at 8:00 P.M. with the Clines, 5705 Fernwood. We are concerned for a fellowship and learning group for our young couples from 18 to 30 married up to the age of 30 limit at this time. Suddenly we feel that we have a strong nucleus for this class. The class will meet in Room 117, which is the NW corner of Fellowship Hall.

### RELATIONAL-SHARING-SERENDIPITY CLASS--OPEN AGES & MARITAL STATUS

Ruby Cline will be teaching this new class in Room 301, which is the Christian Education office of the Administrative wing. This group will be a resource stressing relational or incarnational theology, methods encouraging participation and sharing, seeking for educational happenings, and focusing on the inward and outward journeys.

### SERIOUS BIBLE OR TEXT STUDY--OPEN AGES & MARITAL STATUS

This new class will focus on serious Bible study or Biblical truth through a serious study book. The class will meet in Room 115 which is the middle section of Fellowship Hall.

### 58 CLASS -- AGES 30 to 45 OF COUPLES AND SINGLES

This lecture-discussion class will utilize the Uniform Lessons as it has been doing under the leadership of Jack Weicker. This class will continue meeting in Room 114 which is the east end of Fellowship Hall.

### COME DOUBLE CLASS--OPEN AGES AND MARITAL STATUS

This class continues unchanged in Room 116 and taught by Edna Vaught.

### BEREAN CLASS -- OPEN AGES AND MARITAL STATUS

This Bible Study class taught by Jack Williams moves to Room 201, the Pastor's office.

### PROGRESSIVE CLASS -- OVER 50 AND OPEN MARITAL STATUS

This class using Uniform Lessons continues in the Chapel taught by Harold Crowder.

### FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS -- OVER 60 AND SINGLE WOMEN

These women use Uniform Lessons and meet in the West Parlor.

### SINGLES CLASS -- SINGLES FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO 40

This class continues in the East Parlor under the leadership of Barbara Brock. Plans are to activate the College and Career Class on June 1.

## HOLY WEEK CONTINUED

### "THE EVERYBODY GAP"

This folk-rock musical will prepare us to celebrate the communion at 7:30 P.M. on Maundy Thursday, March 27. We believe that the dramatic story and the musical will build a meaningful experience of seeing Christ as bridging the gap formed by mankind and each of us. We will celebrate the Communion as a climax to this service.

### GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

The south Fort Wayne Good Friday worship will be held in Village Green Free Methodist Church, 4410 Wayne Trace, from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. Rev. Richard Steiner of Christ United Methodist Church will preach on "It's All Over." He is a former missionary to Zaire. Dr. Cline and our singers are involved in the service.

### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 A.M. - First Worship

Chancel Choir singing

Sermon: "God Gives the Victory"

Matt. 28:1-20; John 14:19

9:30 A.M. - Church School

Special Easter Offering

10:45 A.M. - Divine Worship

Bell Choir & Chancel Choir

Sermon: "God Gives the Victory"

Matt. 28:1-20; John 14:19

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship

A resurrection celebration through participation and involvement---Celebrate in the family atmosphere.

Short movie: "Easter Is"

## D.M.A. POTLUCK AND PROGRAM

Tuesday, March 25th, the D.M.A. will have its monthly gathering in Fellowship Hall. Rolland and Genevieve Ripple and Herdis and Audrey Helmuth are in charge. The Program includes two sound color movies: "Historic Roads in Northern California" and "Come Home to America". Bring a covered dish & table service and be present by 12:00 noon.

### BETHANY CHOIR CONCERT

We are sponsoring a Choir Concert on Monday, April 7, at 7:30 P.M. in our Worship Nave by the touring Bethany College Choir. We need to house 41 persons that night--Take after concert and return to church on following morning. Sign up for housing Sunday or call the church office. Bethany is one of our Disciple related liberal arts colleges. It was started by Alexander Campbell.

### DISCIPLESHIP CLASS WITH PASTOR CLINE

April 6 during the Church School hour from 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on Sundays, Dr. Cline will begin another series of classes open to senior high school youth and adults in Room 120. This is open to members or friends of the church. This is a fresh look at basics of the faith and the church.

Persons are asked to confirm participation with Dr. Cline since there is a desire to limit the group to no more than 15.

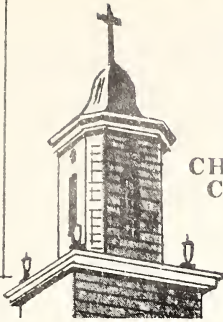
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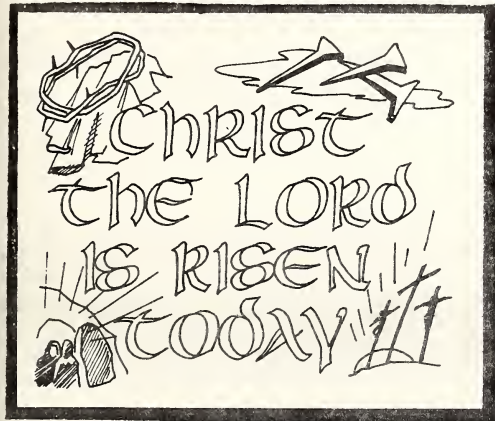
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HAIL THE RISEN LORD  
EASTER SUNDAY, 8:15 A.M. FIRST WORSHIP  
Sermon: "GOD GIVES THE VICTORY"  
Matthew 28:1-20

Chancel Choir singing "Crown Him  
with Many Crowns" with trumpet  
Youth Bell Choir Playing  
Organ and Piano accompaniment

EASTER SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL  
Graded program for children, youth,  
and adults. Total offering goes for  
Special Easter Offering for Outreach.

EASTER SUNDAY, 10:45 A.M. SECOND WORSHIP

Sermon: "GOD GIVES THE VICTORY" by Dr. Cline, -- Matthew 28:1-20

Chancel Choir singing, "THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS"

Youth Bell Choir and String Ensemble from Wayne High School playing

Jerry Zimmerman at Organ and Vee Parlette at Piano

EASTER SUNDAY, 7:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Easter Celebration including movie, "EASTER IS" -- Relational & Personal

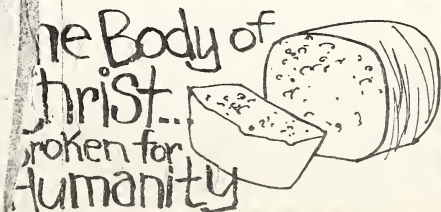
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

7:30 P.M., Thursday, March 27

WOLK-MUSICAL LITURGY --

"THE EVERYBODY GAP"

(see page 3)



SERVING MARCH 30

Elders

8:15 A.M. William Franklin  
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor  
James Ruble

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, C.Hetrick,  
J. Olson, D. Allen, R. Baugher,  
W. Bowen, B. Lehman, R. Petty.  
10:45 A.M. R. Johnson. C.Cline,  
R. Cole, J. Wiley, S. Hayes, D.  
Short, H. Stevenson, J. Taylor,  
D. Young, D. Andrew, D.Markley,  
R. Wortley

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G Bruckman, D.  
Allen, D. Smith, D. Olson.  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J.Frappier,  
M. Byers, M. Finkhousen, G.  
Bozarth, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW  
S. Thompson-SW, R.Yentes-SE,  
D. Keebortz-NE  
10:45 A.M. M.Lehman-NW,  
A. Dare-SW, V.Williams-NE  
K. Banet-SE

Deaconesses

Delores Overmyer & Val Williams

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. D. Church, S.Grimm  
10:45 A.M. A.Fountain, C.Cline

Homebound Communion

William Love - Jim Taylor  
Bert Leversee - Robert Johnson

Coffee Hour Hosts

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Knuckles  
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Norman

PANTRY NEEDS:

VEGETABLES, CEREALS,  
PEANUT BUTTER, SOAPS,  
BASSINET

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S103-Mrs. Jan Loveless

St. Joseph:

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Lutheran:

M204-Mrs. Anna Taylor  
688-Mrs. Edna Bowen  
794-Mr. Paul Truby  
896-Miss Vicki Grier

C.W.F. BLESSING BOXES

Dedication of the Blessing Box offerings will be done during the April group meetings. Please remember to bring your gift to group meetings.

WEEK OF COMPASSION

We mailed last week a check for \$1,000 as our special giving for the Week of Compassion. This in addition to our budgeted \$100 monthly should make a total this year of \$2,200 for this cause of service and ministry to those in need.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Bernie & Pat Norman will begin teaching the Grade 7 & 8 class on Sunday, April 6.

Merle and Bea Rice will teach the new serious Bible or Text Study which will meet in Room 115 beginning on April 6.

EASTER SUNDAY GIVING

This Sunday marks the end of the third quarter of our current church year for budget support. Giving should be up to date.

SPECIAL EASTER ENVELOPES

go for over-and-above Outreach support.

# LAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP-TONIGHT 7:30 P.M.-"THE EVERYBODY GAP"

One of the most significant experiences in the life of the church is Laundy Thursday Communion with Christ. Our service this year is being focused with a folk-rock musical, "THE EVERYBODY GAP". COME TONIGHT AT 7:30 M.

DIRECTORS: Marlene Crouse, Co-ordinating; Mel Busse, Musical; Nena Lucas, Drama; Jerry Zimmerman, Instrumental; Schellie Schell, Technical.  
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Robert Frambes, drummer; Denny Doud, Bass Guitar; m Knuckles, Rhythm Guitar; Jerry Zimmerman, Piano; Barbara Buss, Flutist.

SPEAKING PARTS: Steve Harter, Jim Taylor, Joe Wiley, Carol Cline, Rita Fountain, Stephanie Mollenhour, Denise Schrock, Val Williams.

QUARTET: Glen Beckmeyer, Mel Busse, Norbert Cluts, Ed Jenkins.

CHOIR: Becky Buskirk, Rose Jenkins, Janet Weicker, Linda Wiley, Carol lbe, Barbara Busse, Barbara Schrock, Nancy Wortley, Pat Fountain, Pat rman, Linda Allen, Diana Wortley, Tana Harter, Jan Loveless, Joe Wiley, en Beckmeyer, Norbert Cluts, Bernie Norman, Chad Cline, Ed Jenkins, Mel sse.

TECHNICAL: Russ Wortley, Max and Lois Finkhousen, Ken Taylor, Miriam xenman, Peg Buskirk, Dawn Schrock, Diana Wortley, Melanie Baugher, Ben ylor.

ROCK MOVERS: Greg and Susan Beckmeyer and John Wortley.

MAKE UP: Elinor Place, Dawn Schrock, Diana Wortley, Melanie Baugher.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Brudi Sand & Gravel; Barbara Taylor-Cover sign; Linda Wiley-Sewing; Nancy Wortley-Bulletins.

GREETERS AND USHERS: Cory & Dan Church, Robbie Paulley, Ken Taylor, ll Schilling and Patrice Stucker.

Anticipation mounts for this witness to Jesus as the Bridge breaking wn the walls of division within and between all peoples. Word and song ll be climaxed with the Eucharistic Feast with our Lord.

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## SOUTH FORT WAYNE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at Village Green Free  
Methodist Church, 4410 Wayne Trace.

Richard Steiner, preaching: "It's All Over"

Our Quartet Singing, "I Wonder Why"  
S. Davis, J. Weicker, M. Busse, G. Beckmeyer



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

1:00 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Fern  
Kenline, 2614 Abbey Dr. Apt. 1

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Audrey  
Helmuth, 1232 Fairfield.

7:30 P.M. Study Group, Don &  
Barb Short, 3714 S. Monroe

7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Irene  
Cline, 129 E. Lexington

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

6:30 P.M. Buskirk and Stucky  
Wedding - open for all to  
attend.

8:00 P.M. F.A.W.-Candlelite Ct.

## JESUS FREES AND UNITES

Our congregation is participating in a special study of the theme of the 1975 Assembly of the World Council of Churches. This study begins next Thursday, April 3, and continues for eight Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. each week. Several have committed themselves to this study, but it is open to any who will become a regular participant in this effort combining Bible Study and theme materials.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

This Saturday our Christian Education Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on our lawn for all children fifth grade and below. The Hunt will begin at 1:00 p.m. Chi Rho and CYF members will help guard the sidewalks so small children are in no danger of going into the streets. There will be treats (in addition to the eggs) for all children and all will be privileged to see a movie, "Easter Is" following the hunt. Children may be picked up again at 2:30 p.m.

## APRIL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Agenda items include action on Summer Intern, Summer Secretarial Help, offering building as Disaster Site, Petition for Lighting, and work on Priorities. Officers, Chairpersons, and elected representatives are all needed.

## C.Y.F. ALIVE AND BUSY

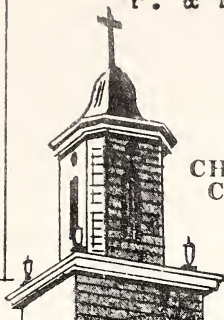
SLAVE DAY---April 2 & 3 --- If anyone desires to hire out the youth for work around homes next Wednesday or Thursday, call the church office and tell when and what kind of work. Earnings will go towards the trip to San Antonio Texas in August.

CAR WASH--Saturday, May 10, beginning at 8:00 A.M. on Church Parking Lot.

The CYF will also be participating in the Spring Regional Youth Event on April 18 & 19 in Indianapolis and the Area I Spring Retreat at Camp Barbee on May 3 & 4. These busy youth are not meeting Easter Sunday evening, but meet regularly each Sunday from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M.

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6:30 P.M. Buskirk & Stucky  
Wedding

8:00 P.M. FAW-Candlelite Ct.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

9:00 P.M. Daily Disciples

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

7:30 P.M. Bethany Choir Concert

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Parlor

7:30 P.M. Yoga Group, Parlor

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Miriam  
Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

7:30 P.M. World Outreach and  
Christian Action

### ANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT  
POWDERED MILK  
SOUPS  
DIAPERS

## NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

This Sunday, April 6, at 9:30 a.m. a new thrust in our Church School with three new adult classes beginning plus a new series of Discipleship Classes with Dr. Cline.

### NEW YOUNG COUPLES CLASS--

Keith Miller's book, THE TASTE OF NEW WINE will be the first study resource for this group of young couples under 30. Dean & Elsie Widler will teach with Joe & Linda Wiley as assistants. The class will meet regularly in Room 117 which is the NW Corner of Fellowship Hall. The 12 young couples who met at the Clines indicated strong desires for meaningful learning and social activities.

### NEW SERIOUS STUDY CLASS--

Merle & Bea Rice will be leaders for this class of open ages and marital status. STRONG SON OF GOD, and several other options will be decided by the group on the opening Sunday. This class meets in Room 115 or the middle section of Fellowship Hall.

### RELATIONAL-SHARING-SERENDIPITY CLASS

This free-wheeling group for open  
(continued on page 3)

SERVING APRIL 6

Elders

8:15 A.M. Bert Leversee  
Dean Widler

10:45 A.M. William Love  
Fred Smell

Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, R. Petty,  
W. Bowen, M. Terry.

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, J. Wiley,  
R. Johnson, D. Young, R. Wortley,  
S. Hayes, J. Taylor, M. Crouse,  
D. Short

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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Frappier

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416-Mrs. Edith Brown

446-Mrs. Helen Sheerin

-Janet Elwood

5120-Mrs. Jan Loveless

Lutheran:

896-Miss Vicki Grier

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Scott Michael Keebortz, the son of Mrs. Delores Keebortz, 4760 Reed St.-06 made his confession of faith and was baptized during first worship on Easter Sunday.

Scott is a 6th grader at Abbett School, in boy scouts, and likes baseball, football, and models. We welcome Scott in this expression of commitment.

Scott recently wrote: "What it Means to Become a Follower of Jesus"---"is to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. You must try to be like Jesus in day to day living, to obey the commandments and try to live by Jesus' teachings by helping others and loving others like Jesus loved them."

SOME SPECIAL THANK YOUS

\*\* To the directors and full cast of THE EVERYBODY GAP for the excellent leading of us on Maundy Thursday!

\*\*To Sue Allen for time and effort of Easter decorations!

\*\*To Paul Yentes, Ed Allen, Rocky Baugher, Bill Love & Russ Wortley for replacing all the Nave light-bulbs!

\*\* To the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir and all musicians for the musical life in Easter Worship!

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Perry L. Warner on 3/29/75. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Clara, his daughter - in-law, Martha Warner, and grandsons, Fred and Jerry.



## NEW CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

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ages and marital status will meet in Rm. 301 which is the Education office in the south wing. Ruby Cline will lead this group and will be dealing with topics from Lloyd Ogilvie's book, LET GOD LOVE YOU.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASS --** This series of basic studies is open to any high school youth or adult in Room 120. Basic issues of faith are examined and much time is left for questions and interaction. Participants should contact Dr. Cline if there are questions or the desire to enroll in this 10 week series.

The Berean Class is moving to Room 201 which is the Pastor's study for its class meeting place. All adult classes are welcome to the coffee and tea which is prepared for all by the drinking fountain in Fellowship Hall each Sunday. We are preparing this larger amount for all rather than having classes care for needs separately.

## CHRISTUS FREES AND UNITES" STUDY

This special study begins tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 in the parlour under the leadership of Dr. Cline. Next week is the last chance to begin this focus upon the Bible and theme materials in preparation for the 1975 Assembly of the World Council of Churches. A response representative of our church will be drawn from the study of this eight week effort.

## COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

The Bethany College Choir will be singing in our Worship Nave at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, April 7. There is no admission charge for this 1½ hour concert.

This 40 member group is directed by Prof. George Hauptfuehrer in a varied program of sacred and secular music.

"Jesu, Priceless Treasure" by J.S. Bach will provide a major portion of the concert.

The last portion of the concert will include: Two American Folk songs, four Slovak Folk songs, six love songs by Brahms, and "There Is A Balm in Gilead."

Sally Cline of our congregation is touring with the Bethany Choir for the second year. Last year they were in the Middle Atlantic States. This year they are singing in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

Bethany College, founded in 1840, is West Virginia's oldest degree-granting institution of higher education. Located 50 miles southwest of Pittsburgh in the Mountain State's northern panhandle, Bethany currently enrolls 1,100 men & women in the liberal arts and sciences.

Bethany's founder, Alexander Campbell, was also one of the early leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and thus the school has had a long historical tie with our brotherhood.

The generosity of our people was evidenced with the signing for housing and food on March 23. The CYF will coordinate the serving of the prepared covered dishes for the Choir's Monday dinner. Families will be taking the students for overnight from the informal reception in Fellowship Hall after the concert.

DO YOU REALLY CARE?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SHARE?

AN INVITATION & OUR DISCOVERY

by Dean & Elsie Widler

After residing in a Western town for 28 years my company transferred me to this city. We arrived full of anticipation and also full of fear. Here we were in a city 25 times larger, strange streets to get lost on, strange names and people to meet and remember, strange noises and surroundings, and strange stores and places of service to visit. Where did we go to find someone to relate to? We went to Church. Yes! We found people who had something in common with us, but these people were indifferent and just didn't care. We filled out the roll call card asking for someone to call, no one came. This went on for six months as we visited two churches. One day, a dear couple, asked us to come to this church with them. We found at First Christian a people who were full of warmth and love. We liked the service and the Sunday School hour. Best of all that week, someone cared enough to come and call. He expressed an interest in us as people and asked us to come to Church again. We Praise God for this fellowship of believers, but most of all we thank God for someone who cared enough to come when we were hurting the most.

How much do you care?

## YOGA EXERCISING GROUP

A group will meet for eight weeks beginning next Tuesday the 8th from 7:30 to 8:45 P.M. for Yoga exercising and relaxing. This is open to any desiring this kind of activity. If you have questions contact Peg Buskirk or Ruby Cline.

## SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

We have received \$725.16 to date in special Easter giving for outreach causes. The envelopes will be available in the pews yet this coming Sunday for this opportunity of special sharing.

## SYMPAHTY IS EXTENDED

To Robert Rayl and family in the death of his step-mother, Edith Rayl last week in Durham, N.C.

To Mrs. Hazel Firestone, in the death of her only son, Neil Eugene in New Jersey last week.

To Mrs. Gladys Hoop in the death of her brother-in-law at Barbee Lake where Gladys has been recuperating from a shoulder injury.

## MARCH AVERAGES

Church Worship	370
Church School	148
Budget Giving	\$1,950.39

## MARCH ADDITIONS

James M. Fick  
C. Randy Hunt  
Scott M. Keebortz

## PRAISE GOD FOR JOY OF WORSHIP

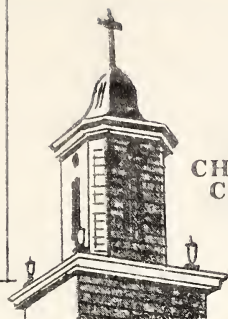
There was a mood of excitement and joy in our triumphant Easter Sunday Worship which included 466 persons. Since "Every morning is Easter morning from now on" we look forward expectantly to continued joy in praise of God.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- 15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 30 A.M. Church School
- 45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 00 P.M. Flinn Festival and Open House
- 00 P.M. Cast of "The Everybody Gap" to meet
- 30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
- 00 P.M. Celebration Worship

## DAY, APRIL 14

- 15 P.M. Evangelism Calling
- 30 P.M. Brummel Group, Ramona Metner, 5232 Sherrill Dr.
- 30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Faye Goodhull, 2301 Fairfield Avenue

## TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir
- 30 P.M. Yoga Class

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 30 P.M. Membership Committee
- 30 P.M. Study Group, Russ & Nancy Wortley, 2229 Drake Dr.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 30 P.M. Jesus Frees & Unites
- 30 P.M. Chancel Choir

## FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 00 P.M. Young Couples Class
- Party, Joe & Linda Wiley, 2934 Medale.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 19

- 00 A.M. C.W.F. Exec. Meeting.

## DO YOU REALLY CARE?

The song by the above title was appreciated by many last Sunday. 22 persons have turned in the commitment response slip indicating their participation in "FIVE MOST WANTED PERSONS to see reached with the message of Love of Jesus Christ during 1975." We desire that we grow as a people in "the whole church bearing the whole gospel to the whole world." Each member of the Body of Christ bears witness about Jesus.

Sermons and Sermonettes by Dr. Cline and Miriam Bixenman this month include:

April 13: "Pass It On" & Do You Care Enough--To Let Your Voice Be Heard?

April 20: Sermonette: "Do You Care Enough--To Share Your Money?"

April 27: "CARING BECOMES SHARING" & Do You Care Enough--To Give A Warm Fuzzy?"

## WORSHIP ADJUSTMENT--APRIL 20

8:00 A.M. Second Presentation of "THE EVERYBODY GAP" for our congregation and friends. (The cast will then leave for a second performance --see page 4)

10:45 A.M. Dr. Joseph M. Smith preaching, "JESUS FREES AND UNITES" Joe is a dynamic outreach speaker.



SERVING APRIL 13

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman  
Bill Schilling

10:45 A.M. David Griggs  
Andy Cook

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, B. Lehman  
R. Cole, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, C. Cline,  
H. Stevenson, R. Johnson, D.  
Markley, D. Young, D. Andrew,  
J. Wiley, J. Taylor

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
D. Olson, R. Flickinger

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Baugher,  
M. Finkhousen, J. Frappier

Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW  
S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. V. Williams-NW  
A. Dare-SW, D. Merriman-NE,  
M. Cook-SE

Communion Preparation

Ruth Yentes and Elinor Place

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. P. Olson, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe, M. Cole

Homebound Communion

James Ruble and Daryl Markley

Bill Franklin and Romane Cole

Coffee Hour Hostesses

Marlene Crouse and Jodi Eckert

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview:

404-Mr. Dempsey Weaver

416-Mrs. Edith Brown

446-Mrs. Helen Sheerin

309-Mr. William Pattengale

Lutheran:

896-Miss Vicki Grier

MEMBERS ON LAY WITNESS MISSIONS

Barbara, Dawn, Denise & Diana Schrock are serving on a team this weekend in the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Ill. with Bob Moore as coordinator.

Val Williams and Dean & Elsie Widler are serving on a team coordinated by Ray Fredericks at the Pendleton Christian Church this weekend.

Let's be in prayer for these seven who are serving to share love and life this weekend!

Rocky, Lee, and Melanie Baugher served on the team last weekend at Hobbs Christian Church with Harry Dawson coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Michael and Janet Elwood, a son, Benjamin Michael on 3/30/75. Charles and Fran Eckert are maternal grandparents.

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

Charles and Ardith Wrisk celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 28, by renewing their wedding vows in the Nave and a reception in Fellowship Hall with family and friends.

WEDDING

James Wayne Stucky and Rebecca Lee Buskirk on 4/5/75. They are residing at 1225 Fayette, 46816 Phone 447-6400.

CONCERN AND PRAYERS TO OUR MEMBER

To Mrs. Mildred Jewell in the tragic accident of her son, Randy, in St. Mary's River. At time of writing they were still seeking the body which has been missing since last Thursday.

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON APRIL 1, 1975

Upon the recommendation of the Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee, the Board approved the hiring of Steven Doles as a Summer Intern for 1975 according to our Church Vocation Program. Steve is a member of First Christian Church, Greensburg; a youth leader who has done much with guitar, singing, and musical programming.

Barbara Love was also hired as summer replacement help in the church office. Barbara Short will still be on leave and Nancy Wortley will only be doing the routine work which she does when Mrs. Short is working.

The Board approved the offering of our Building as a Designated Disaster Refuge Point in cooperation with the Red Cross in case of a natural disaster in our community. This is for food, shelter, and clothing needs.

Action was taken to Petition the Board of Public Works for increased street lighting on Harrison between Maple Grove and Pettit and also encouraged any possible increase on the Calhoun or Pettit sides of our building. This came as a recommendation of the Property Committee who is seeking to work out our night lighting in response to a Special Gift. City action is underway for possible new lighting on Calhoun and we were advised to take the above action. When this work is done, we will know better our long term needs of additional outside lighting and adjustments of our present lighting.

Special Envelopes and Interpretation Folders for Child Scholarships for Weekday Christian Education were approved for distribution on April 20. This is over-and-above giving for this cause to which we contribute \$250 per month of budget receipts. Over 2,000 of the 7,620 children in this reduced time program have no church home or little parental support in this area of life. Thus there is little financial support in these cases.

A motion emerged from the floor to write a letter of special thanks to the cast and workers who brought us "THE EVERYBODY GAP" on Maundy Thursday. Present were 23 members, regrets were received from 6 and 5 were unheard from.

The Evangelism Committee outlined some of its plans for the emphasis of congregation wide concern of Evangelism during April, its goal of 50 new participating members above the previous year beginning this July 1, and a 11 Evangelism Retreat on September 13.

The Education Committee reported a new summer program each Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. beginning June 18 and continuing through August 20. This will replace and incorporate into a new larger program our former Vacation Church School, Summer Movies, and Adventure Days.

The Treasurer's Report showed the budget operating fund deficit has decreased from \$1,573.20 to \$600.85. Let's wipe out these red figures by the 30th!

DO YOU REALLY CARE?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SHARE?

SOMEBODY CARES: THAT'S WHY WE'RE  
HERE. by Joe & Linda Wiley

Yes, somebody cared! That's why we're here. When we were new to Ft. Wayne, we were unsettled by both our physical location and lack of spiritual direction. We were faced with unfamiliar streets, neighborhoods, people, and pressures. We felt uncertainty, confusion, also a real sense of loss about where to worship.

Then one Saturday, someone who cared, a family friend and former pastor, called to tell us of a church near our house. He informed us of a living, growing congregation and a dynamic minister. We followed his advice and visited First Christian Church. When we were there, someone who cared helped us feel welcome. In the weeks that followed, others who cared came to visit our home.

A time came when I had to be gone for many weeks. We were surprised to hear a familiar voice from the pulpit have noticed our return. Again, we found somebody cared. To us, this church had a firm foundation of caring. We know no better way of expressing Christian love. We wanted to care, too.

PANTRY NEEDS:

CRACKERS, SOAP PRODUCTS,  
SIMILAC (without Iron)  
BASSINET

HOMES NEEDED FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS

From July 26 - Aug. 23, there will be 25 Japanese students in Indiana. These students are from Joshi Seigakuin school in Saitama-ken, Japan. Christian homes are needed for these students. All speak English and all attend a Christian School, although all are not themselves Christian. Families with young people between 13-19 are needed, so that the young students will have someone in the home to relate to. There will be an honorarium of \$100.00 for each host family to help defray added costs. Please notify Mrs. Bixenman if interested.

THE EVERYBODY GAP

As announced on Page 1, this will be given on April 20th at 8:00 A.M. for our congregation and at 10:00 A.M. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. A practice is called for this Sunday the 13th at 3:00 when the group will go together to the Lutheran Church.

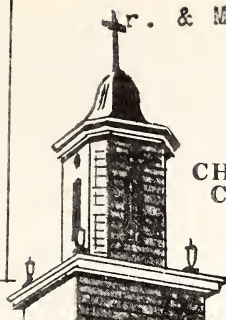
SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP

Rejoice in the registrations for the Serendipity Workshop with Lyman Coleman in Indianapolis on Saturday, April 26. Act quickly if you desire to join the group--Contact a staff member or church office! Registered are: Lee Baugher, Miriam Bixenman, Judy Church, Eunice Conrad, Opal Carpenter, Ron & Jeanne Gerow, Rose Jenkins, Pat Norman, Bobbie & Sharon Pauley, Connie Wells, & Dean and Elsie Widler.



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## "THE EVERYBODY GAP" AT 8:00 A.M., SUNDAY

This musical which was given on Maundy Thursday, is having a repeat performance for our early worship this Sunday. We invite all who enjoy music, enthusiasm, and a telling contemporary message to share in this experience.

Directors in charge include: Marlene Crouse, Mel Busse, Jerry Zimmerman, Nena Lucas, and Schellie Schell. The total cast will present the same musi-

al later in the morning at Lord of Life Lutheran Church.

Our variant opportunities give members and friends a choice to make unless they desire to take advantage of the whole thrilling morning.

## NAMIC SPEAKER AT 10:45 A.M., SUNDAY

Dr. Joseph M. Smith, Executive Secretary of the East Asia department, Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will preach on "JESUS FREES AND UNITES" from Ephesians 6:10-20.

Joe is a dynamic spokesman for the gospel. He is currently overseas our outreach work in Taiwan, Okinawa, the Philippines, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Taiwan. He served China and the Philippines, where he was imprisoned during World War II by Japan.

Dr. Smith is leading an afternoon workshop on Associated Churches on Mission Study. Dr. Smith will lead the worship hour.

## OVERSEAS MINISTRIES



EQUAL PARTNERS  
IN MISSION

SERVING APRIL 20

Elders

10:45 A.M. G. Miller, A. Crowe

Deacons

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, R. Cole,  
B. Lehman, R. Wortley, D. Short,  
H. Stevenson, R. Johnson, D.  
Markley

Ushers

8:00 A.M. G. Bruckman, J.  
Stucky, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,  
R. Baugher, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:00 A.M. C. Lee-NW  
R. Yentes SW

10:45 A.M. D. Young-NW,  
S. Knuckles-SW, R. Wortley-SE,  
M. Lehman-NE

Acolytes

10:45 A.M. D. Clifton, J. Wortley

Communion Preparation

Ruth Yentes and Elinor Place

Coffee Hour Hosts

Ron and Karen Flickinger  
Laverne Hunt

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

888-Mrs. Jan Loveless  
314-Mrs. Barb Hayes & son

PARKVIEW:

404-Mr. Dempsey Weaver  
309-Mr. William Pattengale  
416-Mrs. Edith Brown

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Sam & Barbara Hayes, a son  
Adam Christopher, on 4/12/75.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Ryland (Randy) Jewell, on  
4/17/75. Sympathy is extended to  
his mother, Mildred, and the  
sisters.

MEMORIAL FUND GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF ADEN CURRENT from  
Vena and Eva Current

IN MEMORY OF NEIL EUGENE  
FIRESTONE from the Gamboe Group.

SPECIAL GIFT OF PARAMENTS

We rejoice in the new white  
paraments for the communion table,  
pulpit, and lectern which have  
been given the church. The white  
paraments are for the seasons of  
Christmas, Epiphany, & Easter. We  
thank the donor. In time, there  
is a desire to have all four  
colors -- red, green, purple, as  
well as the white.

We welcome Memorial Gifts or  
Special Gifts at any time. If  
there are questions, contact Dr.  
Cline.

WEDDING INVITATION

Barbara Anne Hendricks  
and

Richard Lawn Johnson

invite you to share the joy of  
the beginning of their new life  
together when they exchange marriage  
vows on Saturday, the twenty  
sixth of April nineteen hundred  
and seventy-five at half after  
two in the afternoon.

First Christian Church  
Reception following the ceremony

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED

We surely were blessed over  
such a nice service and all the  
catering from such a nice group.  
Everything was just lovely and  
very much appreciated by all of  
us. Thanks again to all concerned.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Wrisk



#### APRIL D.M.A. MEAL & MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, is the 12:00 pitch-in meal by our D.M.A. Group which is open to any retiree or above the 60 mark. Hosting this month are Virgil & Bernice Montgomery, Dorothy Merriman and Mary Cook.

The program will be given by Hugh Rice which is a travelogue of our Hoosier State. Come and bring others for this day together!

#### WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Special folders and envelopes will be available next Sunday. These interpret the WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM for 7,620 children in grades, 3, 4, and 5. Scholarships in multiples of \$8 are desired in special over-and-above giving.

Checks should be made out to First Christian Church and we will transmit the total amount of this extra giving in SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT for one or more children.

#### MISSION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

This Sunday from 2:30 to 5:15 P.M. is a rich opportunity to learn of the coming themes: "A NATION UNDER GOD" and "SOUTHEAST ASIA: CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE".

This workshop will be held in the St. Joseph United Methodist Church at 6004 Reed Road.

CWF Study Leaders as well as any Christian desiring to know of outreach development should attend.

#### THANKS FOR BETHANY CHOIR HOSTING

Thanks to the following homes for hosting the students:

Joe & Linda Wiley, Dean and Elsie Widler, Mark and Pauline Snyder, Harold and Ruby Cline, Mary Lou Hartzler, Esther Whitton, Steve and Tana Harter, Harold and Edna Nordbloom, Ingrid von Buchler, Wes and Bonnie Brown, Vincent and Connie Wells, Rocky and Lee Baugher, Eunice Conrad, Ben and Val Taylor, Merle and Bea Rice, Jerry and Sandy Zimmerman, Irene Cline, Earl and Reba Fusselman and Merle and Betty Grimm.

Thanks for the following for preparing food for the Monday evening dinner: M. Rayl, B. Hayes, K. Elkins, L. Marks, I. Petty, A. Rice, S. Thompson, M. Caldwell, B. Olson, D. Ikenberry, P. Snyder, J. Church, V. Tatman, E. Whitton, N. Wortley, C. Knight, E. Nordbloom, D. Overmyer, V. Atwood, M. Lehman, C. Graham, L. Wiley, S. Pauley, K. Flickinger, A. Benny, C. Wells, E. Widler, B. Rice, L. Baugher, V. Taylor, R. Ketner, R. Cline, N. Schilling.

Thanks to the CYF including: S. Schell, P. Stucker, C. Cline, K. Taylor, D. Schrock, D. Wortley, and N. Wortley, counselor for setting up the meal and cleaning up.

Thanks to Ruby Cline for preparing the cookies and punch for the reception and the CYF youth who helped serve.

Thanks to the 108 who heard the Concert and especially to the 40 member Choir for the excellent rendition of the music!

\$100 was given toward the tour of the choir!



DO YOU REALLY CARE?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SHARE?

SOUND FAMILIAR?

---Anonymous

Two came to call one evening from the First Christian Church. I wondered as I answered the door what I was leaving myself in for; however as I received these persons I noticed they were persons just like me. They were very pleasant and open with their talk about their relationship with Jesus Christ. As I listened to them I found myself becoming very excited about what they were sharing with me. These persons had an inter glow which radiated from within as they talked about Jesus Christ. It was as if they were plugged into something very real and very meaningful to them. I knew these persons had something I wanted in my life. I accepted and acted upon their invitation to join them at First Christian Church. Does this story sound familiar? Does it recall an experience of yours? If so "have you cared enough" to tell someone else? Do you really care?

#### MORE SERENDIPITY REGISTRANTS

In addition to the 14 names listed last week, we also have the following signed up to participate with Lyman Coleman in Indianapolis on April 26: Marge Lehman, Don & Judith Passwater, Sally Rudy, Scott Rayl, Jim and Becky Stucky, & Ingrid von Buchler.

#### CHURCH CALENDAR

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 A.M. Meditative Worship

"The Everybody Gap"

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

Dr. Joe Smith, speaker

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

##### MONDAY, APRIL 21

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral  
Relations Committee

##### TUESDAY, APRIL 22

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck

7:00 P.M. Youth & Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Yoga Class

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 24

7:30 P.M. Jesus Frees & Unites

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT

DIAPERS

#### MOVIE ON APRIL 27

The 63 minute feature film, THE GOSPEL ROAD which is a story of Jesus Sung and told by Johnny Cash will be shown in our Nave at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 27.

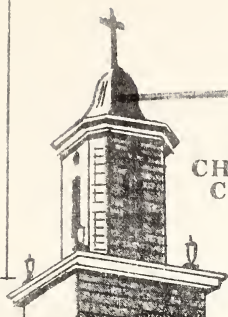
#### CYF TO REGIONAL EVENT

Ten youth and two adults are sharing with several hundred youth this Friday night and Saturday at Indianapolis. The meet is focusing on SERVICE and includes visits to service centers. Our group includes: Miriam Bixenman, Nancy Wortley, Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline, Robbie Pauley, Schellie Schell, Dawn Schrock, Patrice & Necia Stucker, Ken Taylor, Val Williams & Diana Wortley.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

12:30 P.M. Hendricks-Johnson  
Wedding

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
7:00 P.M. Movie "THE GOSPEL ROAD"

### MONDAY, APRIL 28

10:00 A.M. Study Group  
7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
7:15 P.M. Christian Education  
TUESDAY, APRIL 29

7:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:30 P.M. Yoga Class  
7:30 P.M. Property Committee  
7:30 P.M. Christian Education  
Policy Group Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:30 P.M. Jesus Frees & Unites  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

12:00 noon May Fellowship Lunch

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

SIMILAC WITH IRON  
SUGAR  
POWDERED MILK

## THE GOSPEL ROAD

--New Johnny Cash Movie--

The Story is old, but the perspective is up-dated and brought into sharp focus by the film THE GOSPEL ROAD to be shown on Sunday, April 27, in our Worship Nave. The showing will begin at 7:00 P.M. Child care for pre-schoolers.

THE GOSPEL ROAD, distributed by World Wide Pictures, was conceived and produced by Johnny Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, whose desire was to tell the story of Jesus Christ in a realistic and meaningful way.

The 63 minute film is a unique blend of scripture-based narrative, an abundant supply of specially written songs, and a series of in-depth character portrayals, with Israel itself as the mixing bowl.

You are there, walking beside the Jordan and the Sea of Galilee; you are there, seeing Him in many human situations that establish a practical and personal rapport with every viewer.

You are there, being introduced to the disciples, and gaining insights into their varied personalities. You are there, experiencing the highly charged emotional impact

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APRIL 27, 1975

Elders

8:15 A.M. C. Ludwig, C. Rice  
10:45 A.M. H. Crowder, R. Church

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, J. Olson,  
M. Terry, R. Petty  
10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, J. Wiley,  
M. Crouse, D. Young, D. Andrew,  
D. Markley, S. Hayes, R. Wortley  
R. Baugher

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
G. Ludwig, D. Allen  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, G. Bozarth,  
H. Stevenson, M. Finkhausen

Greeters

8:15 A.M. M.L. Hartzler-NW  
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M. Lehman-SE

Acolytes

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Communion Preparation

Ruth Yentes and Elinor Place

Homebound Communion

George Bruckman - Marvin Crouse  
Merle Grimm - Doug Allen

Coffee Hour Hosts

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Johnson  
Mrs. Dorothy Ikenberry

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

541-Mrs. Hildred Favory

LUTHERAN:

M113-Mr. John Gerrard

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Al Powell in his sister's  
husbands death--Hugh Kariger on  
April 12.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Pauley and son,  
Robert, 2720 Marcy Lane, -06, 745-  
0925, responded during our worship  
at 10:45 A.M. last Sunday. Bobby  
and Sharon come in a transfer of  
membership from First Baptist  
Church of this city. Robbie came  
to confess his allegiance to Jesus  
as Lord and Savior.

Bobby is employed at the Ossian  
Meat Packing Company and Sharon is  
a third grade teacher at Rock  
Creek Elementary School in North  
Wells system. Robbie is a junior  
at Harding High School.

We welcome this family in their  
identification and fellowship with  
us in the bond and love of Christ.  
Mai Dorinda is a fifth grade daugh-  
ter of this couple.

SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

\$800 was mailed last week for  
the Basic Mission Finance of the  
Christian Church as a result of our  
special Easter offering. Thanks to  
all who helped support this import-  
ant outreach cause.

THANK YOU

Thank you all for remembering me  
with your cards, visits, & prayers  
in the recent death of my son.

Mrs. Hazel Firestone

Thank you for the cards & the  
visits of Dr. Cline, Mrs. Bixenman  
and others in Paul's recent sur-  
gery.

Paul & Grace Truby

C.Y.F. CAR WASH -- MAY 10  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. FREE  
COFFEE while you wait.  
Donation of \$1.00



## THE GOSPEL ROAD

(continued from page 1.)

in the trial before Pilate, and becoming so personally involved that you feel sympathetic pain when Robert Elfstrom, in an outstanding portrayal of Christ, suffers the physical attack that precedes the Crucifixion.

Adding to the effectiveness of THE GOSPEL ROAD in its endeavor to convey reality for this day are: the fascinating treatment of the Crucifixion, making this tragedy an event of significance that reaches from its own time across the years to take on meaning for all men of all ages; and the songs and background music of Johnny Cash and other outstanding musicians, whose contemporary style is not out of keeping with the story....a story that reveals that His darkest day has become our brightest.

## RELATED THANK YOU

We thank the Chi Rho for preparing the refreshments and treats for the Easter Egg Hunt, Minor Place for making the ceramic eggs to be gathered for special prizes, and the Education Committee for helping to serve, and Cline for being projectionist for the movie, and the Chi Rho and CYF youth for helping with the children.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE -- MAY 10  
Bring papers anytime before 9 a.m.  
at day. If you need pick up  
call Miriam Bixenman by May 6.

## SCHOLARSHIP FOR

## WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Interpretive Folders and Special Envelopes are available NOW. Make checks out to church. \$8 pays for one child's basic program for the year. \$41 was received last Sunday for this over-and-above sharing. These gifts are directed for this program beyond our \$3,000 of annual budget giving to Associated Churches. Weekday accounts for the predominance of its budget.

## MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

Church Women United are again sponsoring the May Fellowship Day Luncheon May 2, 1975. It will be held at Union Baptist Church, 2200 Smith St. at noon. The speaker is Mrs. Ruth Armington, State Pres. of CWU. Tickets are \$2. Send money (checks payable to CWU) along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mrs. Thomas E. Horton, 3415 Butler Ct., 46808, for reservations. Deadline is April 25th. Several of our fellowship enjoyed this event last year. Penny offerings for the Fellowship of the Least Coin will be presented during the program. There will be nursery care for pre-school children but lunch will not be provided.

## C.Y.F. TO BARBEE CAMP

The Area I annual Spring-Clean Up and Event at Barbee is on May 3 & 4. We leave the parking lot at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday and will return early Sunday afternoon.

Sign up with the Wortleys or Dr. Cline by April 30. Bring a sack lunch for Saturday noon. All other food will be covered by \$2.50 which is due on arrival at camp.

DO YOU REALLY CARE?

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SHARE?

FREED TO CARE

by Eunice J. Conrad

I think I was on the verge of quitting the struggle when I met people from First Christian.

I had always wanted to be a caring, witnessing kind of person, but I could never get involved to the core with the Lord's business. I taught Sunday School, etc. in the few churches I have belonged to, but when it came to getting in there on the everyday gut-level battle, I was in constant retreat and hating myself for not being able to do what I thought I should do and really wanted to do. I quit the church I belonged to and crept off to a big church where no one would know me, and I just sat there every Sunday for a year.

And then some First Christian people came to my door who heard my distress signals and weren't afraid to get involved in my problems and listen to me and pray for me--and just care about whether or not I'd make it. They weren't too proud to tell me about their struggles and how in the end nothing really mattered but making Jesus Lord. After about four months of their support, I made Jesus Lord, and now I don't hate myself any more. I am free now to care.

FROM THE PASTOR

Praise the Lord for great days like yesterday! The cast of "THE EVERYBODY GAP" communicated the truth of the musical in a stronger way to me than the first time on Maundy Thursday. I appreciate the work and enthusiasm and impact of this musical in our midst. Thanks for the countless hours by Marlene Crouse and all who helped!

I was thrilled at the sacrifices made by two couples in order to be present in my Discipleship Class yesterday. It is exciting when people make such extensive efforts to be faithful in study.

Joe Smith preached a powerful sermon in our worship. Any person who missed him lost out on a powerful personal, Biblical & relevant sermon uniting our world and the gospel. Sara Davis sang a difficult tune but such meaningful words which corresponded to the sermon by Dr. Smith.

The decisions expressed were meaningful and touching. I have thrilled at the growing relationship with Robbie Pauley and his growing towards this decision to make Jesus the "Backup" for his life.

Our C.Y.F. had an overflowing meeting--Depth, sharing, and celebration overflowed. It is thrilling when youth are experiencing so much.

Celebration Worship with deep vibrations and prayer climaxed the day.

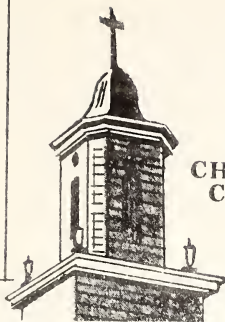
Those who missed any part of the day lost out on a rich spiritual feast.

*Harold E. Chase*

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MAY 3

8:15 A.M. CYF leaves for Barbee  
3:00 P.M. Serious Bible Study  
Class at Merle Rice's.

### SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, MAY 5

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Judy  
Aker.

### TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ruth  
Giles, 3322 Rosewood.  
7:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees  
7:30 P.M. Yoga Class

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Martha  
Christy, 3216 Crescent Ave.  
7:30 P.M. Study Group, Jerry &  
Andy Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver Ave.  
7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Inez  
Smith, 4321 Champlain Dr.

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor  
7:30 P.M. Jesus Frees & Unites  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

7:30 P.M. Come Double Class Party

## OUTREACH GOAL ACHIEVED!

In December of 1971, our church promised \$27,750.65 for the capital needs of the Indiana Appeal for Response in Faith. This was in addition to the \$15,000 of directed giving to the Emily Flinn Home for a room completion as a part of our Centennial projects.

On April 1, we were credited with the check which carried us over the top as a congregation. We have been credited as follows:

\$15,000.00-Centennial Project Gift  
from Loan in Nov. 1971.  
\$23,404.53-Receipts of Centennial &  
Indiana Appeal giving, 1971-74.  
\$ 4,400.00-1974-75 Budget Allocations  
for Shortage.  
\$ 166.80-Capital Outreach Fund of  
Memorial Funds for Washing Ma-  
chine at Flinn Home in June, 1973.

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\$42,971.33 TOTAL GIVEN AGAINST OUR  
PLEDGE OF \$42,750.65

THANKS TO EVERY PARTICIPATING GIVER!  
PRAISE GOD FOR THIS VICTORY!



SERVING MAY 4, 1975

Elders

8:15 A.M. F. Smell, D. Griggs

10:45 A.M. B. Franklin, B. Leversee

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Bowen, D. Allen,

C. Hetrick, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, S. Hayes,

J. Taylor, J. Wiley, D. Young,

H. Stevenson, D. Short, R.

Wortley

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,

R. Flickinger, D. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,

H. Stevenson, J. Frappier

Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Place - NW

S. Thompson - SW

10:45 A.M. J. Taylor-NW,

J. Wiley-SW, D. Merriman-SE,

A. Dare-NE

Communion Preparation

Susan Thompson & Doris Sauerwein

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. A. Lee, B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. B. & L. Ruble

Coffee Hour Hosts

Mr. & Mrs. Herb Banet

Carole Overmyer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

240-Mrs. Cecile Chevalier

ST. JOSEPH:

541-Mrs. Hildred Favory

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Richard Lawn Johnson & Barbara Ann Hendricks on 4/26/75. They are residing at 4125 Arlington, 07, 456-3640. Sympathy is extended to Dick & family in the death of his grandmother in Ohio just prior to the wedding.

APRIL AVERAGES

Church Worship 357

Church School 167

Budget Giving \$1822.93

NEW MEMBERS DURING APRIL

Bobby & Sharon Pauley

Robbie Pauley

SPECIAL GIVING

\$83 has been received in Scholarships for Weekday Christian Education. This special over-and-above effort will be open for special gifts through May 4.

\$40.75 was received as an offering during the showing of THE GOSPEL ROAD last Sunday evening.

THANK YOU - "THE EVERYBODY GAP"

Mel Busse, Jerry Zimmerman, Nena Lucas, Marlene Crouse, and Schellie Schell wish to express their thanks and appreciation to all involved in THE EVERYBODY GAP. The cooperation of all made this a very successful experience for the church and the cast.

--The Directors

THANK YOU --

Thank you for the special prayers offered in behalf of our nephew, Danny Merriman.

Ruby & Art Mowery

Dear Rev. Cline & Friends:

My sincere thanks and appreciation for your prayers, cards, & visits during my recent hospitalization.

Also to the CWF for the nice Geranium plant.

It's so wonderful to share my love and faith for our Lord with such warm and wonderful people.

God Bless you all.

Anna Taylor

## FAMILY CAMPING PLANNING

Interested persons are invited at 7:30 P.M. this Friday, May 2, in the Parlor to discuss possible dates, places and plans for church campouts this summer. Interested campers who cannot attend should notify Miriam Bixenman or Dr. Cline during the week.

## SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

Because of heavy youth involvement, we seem to be slow in getting our regular summer camp and conference registrations to the office. At the training session for directors last week, registrants for the summer program are coming in. This means that registrations need to be submitted as soon as possible in order to be assured of being accepted in the week most desired.

Registration forms are to be filled out and signed by parents. Turn in one-half of the announced fee and the church subsidizes the balance as an investment in Christian education. Church camp is a place "Where God and a good time go together." It has been a formative experience for many youth.

Our registrants to date include:

BICYCLE HILL CLIMB - June 8-14:

Chad Cline

9 & 10 CONFERENCE - July 27 to August 2 at Barbee for those entering grades 9 & 10.

Carol Cline

Diana Wortley

11 & 12 CONFERENCE - August 3-9 at Barbee for those entering grades 11 & 12.

Melanie Baugher

Chad Cline

## THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH

### AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

This special semi-annual service will be a part of our worship at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, May 11. If there are parents with babies or young children who wish to participate, please notify the church office no later than noon on Thursday, May 8. Information or questions can be answered by calling the office or Dr. Cline.

## AREA 1 CYF CAMP CLEAN UP

Our group will leave the parking lot at 8:30 A.M. this Saturday for Camp Barbee and will return early Sunday afternoon. Items to take include sleeping bag, towels, wash cloth, snacks to share, a sack lunch for Saturday noon, and \$2.50 for the food cost for three meals and drinks.

Our group includes: Schellie Schell, Val Williams, Diana Wortley, Chad Cline, Robbie Pauley, Ken Taylor, Miriam Bixenman, Peggy Buskirk, and Bobby & Sharon Pauley.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our regular board of officers, chairpersons, and elected representatives will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 6 in Room 120. All committee budget askings are due!

## CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Donations of paper for the Paper Drive on Saturday, May 10, should be brought to the church no later than 5:00 P.M. the 9th. If you need pick up for papers, call Miriam Bixenman by May 7. All donations will be appreciated.

CYF CAR WASH - MAY 10, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. \$1.00 donation and free coffee while you wait.
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DO YOU REALLY CARE?

- DO YOU KNOW HOW TO SHARE?

by Anonymous

I have been on the "verge of quitting" many times. I wish I could say the people at First Christian helped me. But they didn't.

I wasn't invited to come, my mother made me come. Since then I have gotten active in many things at church. I even told a few people some of my problems, they tried to help but they didn't. Not really. They got my problems confused with something else. Then when I got mixed up and stopped coming they pestered me to come, calling me and coming over. That made me not want to come at all, but I did anyway. I haven't found the answers to my questions about God or gotten help with my problems, but I've made friends and that's what counts. (Not with those who pestered me.) So if you really care, don't push, just become friends.

Editor's Note: Normally, I do not accept as valid something in which there is no identification. I do respect written statements and the request to withhold names. I am fulfilling the request to print this article since it shows an honesty and includes both negative and positive expression.

--Harold E. Cline

## CALL FOR DISASTER HELP

In April our Board approved the use of our church building to be a site to serve disaster victims. This is in cooperation with the Red Cross Disaster Services and Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne and Allen County.

In addition to the building, there is a need for volunteer workers. The five areas below give a basis of choice. Training at a later time will be given for all persons. Experience is not needed --willingness is. Would you call the church office 744-3239 and volunteer for one of the five areas by May 11. This is not a regular service outlet, but only preparation for service in time of a crisis.

1. Shelter Care
2. Mass Feeding
3. Survey or Disaster Area
4. Disaster Action Team
5. Family Service, Caseworker.

--Marlene Crouse

Outreach & Service Committee

PRAY FOR THOSE SHARING ELSEWHERE

Rocky, Lee and Melanie Baugher are on a Lay Witness Mission team this weekend in a Reformed Church in Indianapolis coordinated by Harry Dawson.

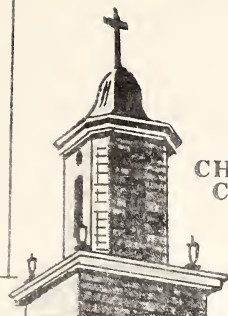
Barbara Schrock is serving on the Discovery Group leadership team at the Hoosier Conference of Faith at Work at Bloomington this weekend.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Chad Cline who was elected President of the C.Y.F. Commission of Indiana. Val Williams has been secretary and vice-president for the past two years.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

00 A.M. CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

00 A.M. CYF CAR WASH

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

015 A.M. Meditative Worship

030 A.M. Church School

045 A.M. Divine Worship

030 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF

000 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, MAY 12

000 A.M. Study Group

015 P.M. Evangelism Calling

030 P.M. Fellowship Guild,

Dred Hutchinson, 422 W. Oakdale

### TUESDAY, MAY 13

000 P.M. Gamboe Group, Ethel

man, 223 W. Sherwood Terrace

000 P.M. Bell Choir

030 P.M. Yoga Class

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

030 P.M. Nelson Group, Delores

myer, 5443 Winchester

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

030 P.M. Jesus Frees & Unites

030 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, MAY 17

030 P.M. '58 Class Party at

ckers, 5200 N. Washington Rd.

TRY NEEDS: Powdered Milk,  
nut Butter, Canned Vegetables.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE -- MAY 10

1 for pick up of papers

## MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP

Our Sunday morning worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this week will focus on the Christian Home. The sermon theme will be "GIFTS FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY." We will be sharing in the semi-annual Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents at 10:45 A.M. We believe in the efficacy and importance of the Christian home. May we underscore this in worship Sunday!

## PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP

Pentecost which completes the triad of central Christian holidays is May 18. Christmas marks the personal entrance of God through his Son into human life; Easter marks the victory of God through Jesus Christ over sin and death; and Pentecost marks the empowering of human life with the same redeeming energy which was at work in Jesus.

Mrs. Joan Williams, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, is designing our morning Pentecost Worship celebrations. She will preach on the theme "FILLED WITH POWER." Mrs. Bixenman will lead Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

SERVING MAY 11, 1975

Elders

8:15 A.M. B. Taylor, G. Bruckman

10:45 A.M. J. Ruble, H. Crowder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, D. Allen,

R. Petty, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. B. Lehman, M. Crouse,

R. Cole, D. Markley, J. Wiley,

C. Cline, D. Andrew, R. Johnson,

R. Baugher

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,

M. Terry, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, G. Bozarth,

M. Finkhousen, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. Carole Lee-NW

Ruth Yentes-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-NW

K. Banet-SW, E. Nordbloom-NE,

S. Knuckles-SE

Communion Preparation

Susan Thompson & Doris Sauerwein

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. P. Olson, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. Anita Fountain &

Stephanie Mollenhour

Homebound Communion

Cecil Rice - John Olson

Ben Taylor - Delmas Young

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

623-Janis Wuthrich

ST. JOSEPH:

448-Mr. Greg Allen

259-Mrs. Pam Clark & Daughter

LUTHERAN:

534-Mrs. Cecile Chavalier

M205-Mr. Jack Gerrard

324-Mrs. Lillian Breeden

IN AND OUT DURING WEEK: Kenneth  
Hunt for eye surgery and Mrs.  
Carol Davis for minor surgery.

CYF CAR WASH-MAY 10th 9:00 to  
4:00 P.M. \$1.00 donation.

RECOGNITION OF MEMBER

Tom Burkholder, 6014 Bunt, -16,  
447-6695, recently called our at-  
tention to a transfer of member-  
ship from the Wabash Christian  
Church. The records have been so  
corrected. We welcome Tom in our  
Fellowship. He made his confession  
and was baptized on 4/14/57 along  
with his mother in Wabash.

WORD CONCERNING LEROY TIMBROOK

LeRoy is in a Nursing Home at  
Bloomington. In the heart of the  
winter he had pneumonia and fell  
and broke his pelvic bone. He is  
about the Nursing Home in a wheel  
chair. Notes and cards can be sent  
to LeRoy, c/o Mrs. Harriet Sears,  
430 S. Clifton, Bloomington-47401.

THANKS

Your expression of Christian  
love, help, and concern during the  
recent loss of my young son, Randy,  
is appreciated by my whole family.  
God Bless you all.

The Family of Ryland Jewell

DEAR FRIENDS:

Thank you all for the beautiful  
cards, visits, plants and prayers  
during Dempsey's hospitalization.  
We appreciated William Love's giv-  
ing of communion on Easter Sunday.  
His roommate Robert Beem said it  
was the nicest thing that happened  
during his hospital stay. We feel  
Dr. Cline's & Mrs. Bixenman's regu-  
lar visits helped our morale a  
great deal.

Sincerely,  
Dempsey & Harriet Weaver

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Terry and Pamela Clark, a  
daughter, Sarah Lynn, born 5/2/75.  
They are living at 4838 Bowser.  
Rex & Pauline Meadows are maternal  
grandparents.

## C.W.F. ANNUAL MAY BREAKFAST -- MAY 20, 9:30 A.M.

All women and guests and friends are invited Tuesday morning, May 20th the annual May Breakfast sponsored by our Christian Women's Fellowship. Please bring some guests for this morning event!

Reservations may be made through the May Group meetings or by calling church office no later than Sunday, May 18. There is no cost for the breakfast, but reservations are desired for planning purposes.

The speaker for the morning is Mrs. Helen Weeks. Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Weeks have worked as missionaries in Africa since 1946. Currently she has been involved in the development of education for pastors in Bolenge, Republic of Zaire, through the support of the Division of Overseas Ministry of the Christian Church. She is the mother of four and is currently in Indianapolis while her husband is taking some schooling.

Other program features include: Worship led by Miriam Bixenman, Installation of 1975-76 Officers by Lois Finkhausen, and Special Music by Becky Lecky and Sara Davis.

Deanna Ruble is heading the Table Decoration Committee and Nancy Wortley is chairing the Breakfast Committee including Tana Harter, Connie Wells, Ada Rice, Hazel Crouse, Sara Smith, Dorothy Merriman, Kathy Graham, and Le Kattas.

-----Cut and Detach-----Mail or Bring to Church Office-----

### DO YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION? WILL YOU GIVE A RIDE?

WILLINGNESS TO COME OR TO DRIVE?

\_\_\_\_\_ I would come to First Christian when able if I had a ride.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would provide transportation for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ persons.

PREFERENCE OF SUNDAY TIMES:

\_\_\_\_\_ Worship only at 8:15 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Worship at 8:15 and Church School at 9:30 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Church School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:45 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Worship only at 10:45 A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ ne \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ dress \_\_\_\_\_



# SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES

## CAMP BARBEE WORK DAY

FOR MEN AND FAMILIES - Saturday, May 17 - 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. You can go up and stay overnight on the 16th at 6:30 P.M. Saturday Breakfast is furnished; Saturday noon is carry-in picnic. JOBS INCLUDE: Sign painting, yard cleaning, window repair, grass cutting and trimming. TOOLS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED: Brushes and rollers for inside and outside painting; Plumbing tools, saws, extension cords, hammers for carpentry; chain saws and splitting tools for timber, pails & brushes for cleaning.

## FAMILY CAMP OUTS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

June 20-22 at Lake Wawasee or Barton's Lake-Russ Wortleys coordinating.  
July 18-20 at Forest Ridge - Ben & Val Taylor coordinating.  
August 8-10 at Salamonie State Park-Miriam Bixenman coordinating.  
September 26-28 at Temple Timbers or Camp Barbee-Bobby & Sharon Pauley coordinating.

Regionally Sponsored Family Camp - Barbee, August 29 - September 1

## REGIONALLY SPONSORED YOUTH CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

Leadership or participants from First Christian include the following:

BICYCLE HILL CLIMB - June 8-14 - Chad Cline

WORK AND STUDY CONFERENCE at Barbee for those entering grades 9 & 10

June 8-14 - Staff: Steve Doles

CAMP 7 & 8 - July 7-12 at Barbee Camp for those entering grades 7 & 8

Staff: Barbara Love

CAMP 5 & 6 - July 14-19 at Barbee Camp for those entering grades 5 & 6

Director: Miriam Bixenman; Staff: Peggy Buskirk, Edna & Debbie Nordbloom, Jim Taylor, and possibly Val Williams; Camper Mai Pauley.

CAMP 9 & 10 - July 27 to August 2 at Barbee for those entering grades

9 & 10 - Director: Harold Cline; Staff: Ruby Cline, Steve Doles,

Nancy Wortley; Conferees: Carol Cline, Diana Wortley.

CAMP 11 & 12 - August 3-9 at Barbee for those entering grades 11 & 12

Staff: Connie Wells; Conferees: Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline.

SMOKIES-BACKPACK-August 3-9 for those entering grade 12 or college years

Packer: Robbie Pauley.

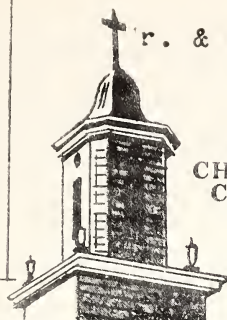
## SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AT FIRST CHRISTIAN

Every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. from June 18 through August 20-replaces Vacation School, Adventure Days, Summer Movies into a regular weekly program for Age 3 through Grade 6.

## SAN ANTONIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY YOUTH BUS

August 13 to August 22 - Adult Counselors: Miriam Bixenman, Nancy Wortley; Youth: Melanie Baugher, Chad & Carol Cline, Robbie Pauley, Schellie Schell, Dawn Schrock, Necia Stucker, Val Williams, Diana Wortley, and Japanese house guest of Pauleys.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

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8:30 P.M. '58 Class Party at  
Pickers, 5200 N. Washington  
FRIDAY, MAY 18

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
3:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship  
SATURDAY, MAY 19

8:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
10:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
SUNDAY, MAY 20

8:30 A.M. C.W.F. May Breakfast  
10:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
3:30 P.M. Yoga Class  
THURSDAY, MAY 22

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
3:30 P.M. Jesus Frees & Unites

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

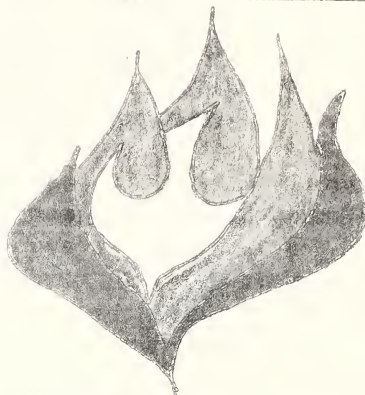
Canned Fruit and Vegetables  
Diapers and Similac

## PENTECOST IS THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY AT 8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M. or 7:00 P.M.

CELEBRATE THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT!



## PENTECOST 1975

Our Worship Sunday will celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit of God in that which gave birth to the church of Jesus Christ in history. This is a high day in the life of the church because of the opening up to each of us, the possibility of God's indwelling Spirit.

Mrs. Joan Williams, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana, will be leading our morning hours. She had served as Minister of Christian Education at Crestview Christian Church in Indianapolis before coming to her new post last fall. She has been active in youth work, camps and conferences, and now is giving creative leadership to C.W.F. Her husband is on the staff of the Indiana State Teacher's Association. Her son, Chris, is a sophomore in high school.

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SERVING MAY 18, 1975

Elders

8:15 A.M. Bill Schilling

Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Andrew Cook

William Love

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, J. Olson,

M. Terry R. Petty

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, D. Young,

R. Wortley, J. Taylor, D. Short,

R. Baugher, R. Johnson, S. Hayes,

J. Wiley.

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,

J. Stucky, D. Smith.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,

R. Baugher, J. Frappier

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW

M. L. Hartzler-NW

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher-NW,

M. Cook-SW, R. Johnson-SE,

V. Williams-NE.

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Tim Sauerwein

Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Frappier, D. Schrock

Communion Preparation

Susan Thompson & Doris Sauerwein

Coffee Hour Hosts

Elaine Conrad and Geneva Ferguson

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

413-Mr. Dempsey Weaver

429-Mrs. Nancy Geiselman

LUTHERAN:

670-Mr. Albert Farrow

563-Mr. Claude Crowell

400-Mr. David Crebb

324-Mrs. Lillian Breeden

THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to thank all those who had a part in preparing for our wedding and especially for all the beautiful gifts of love. You made our joy complete. We are so very happy together. Thank you for helping us have such wonderful memories.

With our love and appreciation,  
Jim & Becky Stucky

DEATH OF MEMBER

Mrs. Blanche Mosebaugh on May 7, 1975 in the Indian Village Health Care Center. She had been a member for 22 years.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Tom Knuckles and family in the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Sue Walker, Beckley, W. Va., a couple of weeks ago.

HOME AND HOSPITAL COMMUNION

Our elders and diaconate take communion to those desiring it in homes or hospitals every other Sunday from 9:00 to 10:30 A.M. Anyone desiring to have this service from the church is requested to call the church office or Ben Taylor, Chairman of Elders, 447-2880. This is considered a privilege by those serving.

PRAY ON BEHALF OF PASTOR

Dr. Cline will be attending the Adm. Committee and General Board in St. Louis from May 17 through May 20.

Let's be in prayer for Dr. Cline and those attending these meetings concerning the church.

ATTENTION! FIRST CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH SWING CHOIR WILL RE-  
HEARSE SUNDAY, MAY 18, 3:00  
P.M. IN CHOIR ROOM.



## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON MAY 6, 1975

The majority of the meeting dealt with a major property improvement program recommended by the Property Committee. The thrust of the recommendation is to improve our building interior so that we have quality facilities for all ages and groups of our church. Items being recommended included:

- Repair and Repave Parking lot and drive.
- Remodel & Refinish Third Floor of Educational Wing.
- Air-Condition the Worship Nave.
- Install sound-proof folding doors in Fellowship Hall.
- Purchase a twelve passenger mini-bus.
- Purchase new office machines.
- Complete remodeling of Room 120 into Board & Committee Room.
- Carpet, paint, & new folding doors in Room 132 & 133.
- Re-upholster parlor furniture and install new soundproof door.
- Marlite walls of three rest rooms.
- Carpet and Paint Room 130.
- Repair all folding table tops.

The Board made a tour of the building to note these areas as well as immediate maintenance needs of the building. After consideration of alternatives, it was agreed to ask the Property Committee to secure estimates & bids, the Stewardship & Finance Committee to investigate methods of financing, and the Outreach & Service Committee to consider a simultaneous capital project for world mission. These are to report to the board meeting on June 3 and possibly be ready for congregational action on June 8.

A motion arose from discussion to the effect that there would be a concentrated effort to reach a total of \$104,000 in budget giving by June 30, 1975. Our working budget for the year was set at \$110,885. We have had families who made commitments move, transfer, or drop from participation since July 1. The difference in their giving and their commitments is the basis for lowering the expectation to \$104,000. The Board approved this motion that we all dig in and complete the goal of our budget giving by June 30 and make sure that we reach \$104,000.

Present were 23 board members and 2 guests of our 33 member board. Note: If any member accidentally picked up a large white envelope marked MEMBERSHIP on the outside, return it to the church office.)

SERVING MAY 25

Elders

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and  
Harold Crowder

10:45 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Andrew Crowe

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Allen, W. Bowen,  
C. Metrick, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. B. Lehman, R. Cole,  
C. Cline, D. Andrew, D. Markley,  
S. Hayes, R. Baugher, M. Crouse,  
R. Johnson.

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
G. Ludwig, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, G. Bozarth,  
M. Finkhousen, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW  
S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. D. Young-NW,  
M. Lehman-SW, R. Wortley-NE,  
S. Knuckles-SE.

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. D. Church, S. Grimm,  
10:45 A.M. C. Crowe, M. Cole

Communion Preparation

Mary Cook and Kathlyn Banet

Homebound Communion

Fred Smell and Bruce Lehman

Mark Snyder and Russell Wortley

Coffee Hour Hosts

Ralph and Judy Church

Connie Knight

IN HOSPITALS

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LUTHERAN

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400-Mr. David Crebb

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BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Our graduating high school seniors are being invited to share in our Baccalaureate Worship at 10:45 A. M. on Sunday, June 1. The seniors will robe in the Parlor and share in the Processional Hymn.

We are also anxious to learn of our graduating persons from college or graduate schools. Call the information to the Church office.

The C.Y.F. is also sponsoring its annual Senior Dinner at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday night, May 31.

SUMMER STAFF

Barbara Love has begun this week as our summer office secretary. Nancy Wortley will be assisting in learning procedures into next week.

Steve Doles begins his work as Summer Intern on Thursday, May 29.

We welcome these two among us. We congratulate Barb on her recent graduation from Indiana Univ.

Miriam Bixenman is taking a first bit of vacation from May 21 to May 31.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Claude L. Crowell on 5/ 16/ 75 who had been a member for 21 years. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Eva, and sons.

5th and 6th GRADE PARTY

This class will meet at the church Thursday, May 29th at 4:30 P.M. to go to Rubles for a class party.

## JOIN OUR GROWING CHURCH SCHOOL -- SUNDAYS AT 9:30 A.M.

Our Church school has averaged 166 since April 1. Prior to that we had averaged 138 for 9 months. We rejoice in this gain. We believe it is a combination of factors. We have the ongoing children and youth classes, and we have added some new adult classes.

### NOTICE THIS PROGRAM FOR OLDER YOUTH AND ADULTS

COLLEGE AND CAREER CLASS -- This group will reorganize on June 8th when the high school seniors are promoted in and will be in Room 331. Present-these should be in the SINGLES CLASS.

SINGLES CLASS - Barbara Schrock leads this group in the East Parlor.

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS - These couples in their 20's meet in Room 117 of Fellowship Hall. They are completing the study of THE TASTE OF NEW WINE Keith Miller led by Dean & Elsie Widler and Joe & Linda Wiley.

PEL SEEKERS CLASS - This group with various ages and marital status meets in the center of Fellowship Hall - Room 115. They are pursuing serious study under the leadership of Merle & Bea Rice.

RELATIONAL-SHARING CLASS - This mixed age and marital status group meets in Room 301 with Ruby Cline. They are using Lloyd Ogilvie's Book, "LET LOVE YOU."

MONEY CLASS - Jack Weicker teaches this mixed age and marital status group in the east end of Fellowship Hall. It is a combination lecture-discussion based on the Uniform Lessons. (This group used to be known as 58 Class.)

DOUBLE CLASS - Edna Vaught teaches the Uniform Lessons for this group in Room 116 of Fellowship Hall.

DEAN CLASS - Jack Williams leads this Study in the Pastor's Study, Room 116. It is a basic Bible Study.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - This class in the chapel is a long timer in First Baptist. Harold Crowder teaches the Uniform Lesson series for these folks over 50.

WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS - These women over 60 meet for Uniform Lesson study in the West Parlor.

THERE IS A PLACE AND A DESIRE FOR YOU IN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL. COME!

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### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All members and friends are invited for a pitch-in dinner at 5:30 P.M. Sunday evening, June 8. New members of the last year will be special guests.

Church business will include election of elders, deacons, deaconesses, and a couple of persons for offices as emeritus; action on the Proposed Ministries Program for the church year; and possible action on building improvements. Plan for June 8th at 5:30 P.M.



## CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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Celebration Worship is open to any person each Sunday night. Note the times: 8:00 P.M. from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day weekend and 7:00 P.M. in the fall, winter, & spring months. Come out to Fernwood off Sandpoint this Sunday night at 8:00 P.M.

## INDIANA SUMMER VACATION PROGRAM

Application forms are available at the church office for homes which would host a child for one or two weeks this summer. The purpose is a two-way street-to fun enrichment and enrichment and to enjoy different racial & cultural heritages.

Homes may choose the sex and age from seven to twelve of your guest child. One or two weeks visits are preferred. Two weeks notice must be given for preparations. The guest child will receive physical examinations prior to visits. These city children are under the supervision of a Welfare Department.

The Ray Fredericks family shared this program two summers ago. Do we have several families to grow through such an enriching experience this year?

## THANK YOU

What a wonderful Pentecost Sunday we had - A special touch was the red carnation boutonnières. A big thank you goes to the choir, the quartet, soloists, to Ruth Ogles for the banner, and Elinor Place for the birthday cake and Joan Williams, our guest speaker.

## ON TO VICTORY BY JUNE 30TH

Our Church Board authorized special efforts to meet our adjusted budget of \$104,000 by June 30th. This figure is attainable and the most likely of attaining a budget goal in many years. It is realized that we have several families in the economic crunch of our recession. Yet, the church has been in a crunch for several years. This seems to be the year of achieving a notable victory. May we pray and give and stretch to this victory by the end of this church year.

Adjusted Budget Goal \$104,000.00

Received in 46 Sundays 87,000.24

Total Needed by

JUNE 30TH \$ 16,999.76

Paul wrote to the Church at Corinth: "What I ask you to do is in your own interests. You made a good beginning last year both in the work you did and in your willingness to undertake it. Now I want you to go on and finish it: be as eager to complete the scheme as you were to adopt it, and give according to your means."

(II Corinthians 8:10-12 NEB)

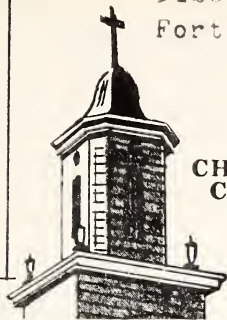
LET'S PRESS ON TO VICTORY TOGETHER!

## D.M.A. MEETING ON MAY 27

Because of the holiday weekend the Bus Trip for May 27 has been cancelled for now. All are urged to come at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall for our regular covered dish dinner and program. Spread the word about this gathering. The group has been growing in recent months. 34 shared in April.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

7:00 Young Couples Business and  
Dinner meeting in Fellowship Hall  
TURSDAY, MAY 31

6:30 P.M. C.Y.F. Senior Dinner  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:30 A.M. Divine Worship  
Chi Rho to Flinn Home

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship  
THURSDAY, JUNE 2

7:15 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
7:30 P.M. Brummel Group - Dinner  
at the Wharf

FRIDAY, JUNE 3

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group - Ethyl  
Lowery, 9410 Saratoga Rd.

7:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:30 P.M. Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

10:30 A.M. Spice Group - Mildred  
Hagg, 1408 Three Rivers East

6:00 P.M. Higdon Group - Sadie  
Hattas, 203 W. Pettit, Picnic  
THURSDAY, JUNE 5

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

## PANTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUITS  
LAUNDRY SOAP  
PEANUT BUTTER

## BACCALAUREATE - 1975

Our worship at 10:45 a.m. this  
Sunday will focus in on our gradu-  
ating high school seniors. They  
will be processing and also receiv-  
ing a gift from the congregation.  
Our graduating seniors include:

Doug Allen  
Linda Brouer  
Kevin Byrket  
Jeff Frappier  
Julia Hendricks  
Jo Ellen Hendrickson  
Mark Lehman  
George Ludwig  
Mike O'Laughlin  
Genie Marcum  
Schellie Schell  
Gayle Smith  
Mike Stone  
Patrice Stucker  
Valerie Williams

We salute these youth on this  
milestone in their educational de-  
velopment. We are concerned that  
they know and experience Jesus  
Christ as the score for meaning and  
fulfillment in the human adventure  
called life.

We also wish to recognize our  
graduating college students. Known  
to the office at the time of writ-  
ing we have the following:

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# SERVING JUNE 1

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and  
Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks  
and Glenn Miller

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. M. Terry, W. Bowen,  
R. Petty, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, R. Wortley,  
J. Taylor, J. Wiley, D. Young,  
R. Baugher, D. Short, R.  
Johnson, H. Stevenson

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
R. Flickinger, M. Terry  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,  
R. Baugher, J. Frappier

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. R. Yentes-NW  
C. Lee - SW  
10:45 A.M. R. Krull - SW,  
D. Merriman-NW, A. Dare-SE,  
D. Overmyer-NE

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. A. Lee, B. Schilling  
10:45 A.M. A. Frappier, D. Schrock

## Communion Preparation

Mary Cook and Kathlyn Banet

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Lee and Rocky Baugher  
Rosemary Krull

## IN HOSPITALS

### PARKVIEW

413-Mr. Dempsey Weaver

### LUTHERAN

628-Mrs. Edna Bowen

671-Mr. Albert Farrow

567-Mr. Harley Morphew

465-Mrs. Vada Tatman

### BIRTH

To Melanie Tracy, a daughter  
Carrie Michelle, on 5/18.

## MAY AVERAGES

Church Worship 308

Church School 141

Budget Giving \$1896.05

Robbie Pauley and Bobby Pauley  
were baptized last Sunday night  
during Celebration Worship.

## WEEKDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### SCHOLARSHIPS

\$136 is being mailed this week  
for 17 children's scholarships to  
pay basic costs for their experi-  
ence of Weekday Christian Educa-  
tion this year through the ongoing  
program of Associated Churches. We  
will mail the final check of \$250  
making a total of \$3,000 to Associ-  
ated Churches from Budget giving  
next week. The major budget item  
is Weekday Education. Thanks for  
the special giving of \$136 on top  
of our new budget support high!

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Maude Donohue in the  
death of her grandson, Mr. Steven  
Donohue, from an auto accident in  
California.

## WEDDING BY PASTOR

David Lee Menze and Mary Ann  
Jenkins on 5/24/75. They are re-  
siding at 4439 S. Park Dr. - 06.

## THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends in Christ,

We sincerely appreciate your  
beautiful flowers. They were ex-  
quisite. But more than that we  
covet and appreciate your prayers.  
Thank you so much for both.

The Crowell Family



## CALAUREATE

continued from page 1)  
ce Howell - Ball State  
bara Love - Indiana Un.  
y (Jenkins) Menze-I.U. City

If there are others, will you  
ase contact the church office.  
Our graduating high school  
iors are being honored by the  
F. this Saturday night at the  
lor Dinner for graduates, a  
st, and parents. Jon Carlstrom,  
ociate Pastor at First Baptist  
quest speaker. Another program  
prise is in store! This is a  
ved dinner and special occasion  
our graduates and underclassmen  
F. who decorate and serve. Res-  
tations are to be called in to  
office by Thursday - 744-3239.

## PORTANT BOARD MEETING

all officers, chairpersons, and  
sted representatives to Board  
Trustees are urged to be present  
Tuesday the 3rd at 7:30 P.M.  
the Board of Trustees meeting.  
The budget for 1975-76 will be  
ented as well as several mo-  
s and recommendations concern-  
the property improvements. This  
a very important meeting in  
ns of implications of board  
ons.

## HER ADVENTURE SERIES

Each Wednesday for children of  
3 through grade 5 from 9:30 to  
0 will be learning opportuni-  
beginning June 18 and continu-  
through August 20. This special  
stian Education opportunity is  
igned both for neighborhood  
dren and those of our church  
lies. Mark your calendars for  
e times of learning and experi-  
ng.

## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

Sunday, June 8th, at 5:30 P.M.  
is our annual congregational din-  
ner and meeting. Bring covered  
dishes appropriate to family size  
and table service. Drink and  
rolls will be furnished.

New members are being invited  
as special guests. Congregational  
action is due on election, budget,  
and possible building improvements.  
Each member of the congregation is  
urged to attend! There will be  
child care provided during the busi-  
ness meeting.

## THE SECRET PLACE

This devotional quarterly is now  
available for the summer months of  
June-August. 40¢ a copy is the new  
price we are being charged for  
these family helps. Copies are  
available at the church. A scrip-  
ture, a Thought for Today, a medi-  
tation, and a short prayer are in-  
cluded for each day. We encourage  
usage by persons or families.

## INVITATIONS TO CONGREGATION

Fort Wayne Community Schools  
cordially invite you to a reception  
in honor of Miss Mildred Hartman,  
who will retire in June of 1975.

Sunday, June 1, 1975 from 1:30 to  
3:30 p.m. in the Abbett Elementary  
School, 4325 Smith Street.

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The P T A of Nebraska School  
cordially invites you to a recep-  
tion in honor of Mildred Hutchinson  
on Sunday, June 2, 1975 from 2 to  
4 p.m. in the Nebraska Multipurpose  
Room.

FR 1 6/6 8AM-

## CALLING YOUTH TO

### REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE NOW

The continuing relationships of a week are developed with other youth and significant Christian leaders in church camp and conference. "Where God and a good time go together" is a motto which characterizes the experience for so many youth.

Last year we had 9 leaders and 29 youth participating from our congregation. We encourage a like number this year. Currently we have 7 youth and 13 leaders signed up for camp and conference programs. We also have 11 youth and 2 adults going on the Bus Trip to San Antonio in August.

Complete the registration form and turn it in to the church office with one-half of the fee for the week. The other half is subsidized by our Christian education budget as a part of our program of Christian learning and experience.

#### YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 5&6

(\$40.00 is total fee for week - Mondays at 10:00 to 11:00 on Saturdays)

CAMP 5&6 AT BARBEE - June 30 to July 5: Youth: Eric Jenkins

CAMP 5&6 AT BARBEE - July 14-19. Director: Miriam Bixenman; Leaders: Peg Buskirk, Edna and Debbie Nordbloom, Jim Taylor, Val Williams; Youth: Mai Pauley

#### YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 7&8

(\$40.00 is total fee for week - Mondays at 10:00 to 11:00 on Saturdays)

SPECIAL GOD AND COUNTRY AND GOD AND COMMUNITY CAMP AT BEDFORD, June 23-28

CAMP 7&8 AT BARBEE - July 7-12. Leader: Barbara Love

CAMP 7&8 AT BARBEE - July 21-26

#### YOUTH ENTERING GRADES 9&10 & 11&12

(\$44.00 is total for week - Sundays at 4:00 to 11:00 on Saturdays)

CAMP 9&10 WORK STUDY AT BARBEE - June 8-14. Leader: Steve Doles

CAMP 9&10 CONFERENCE AT BARBEE - July 27 to August 2, Director: Harold Cline; Leaders: Ruby Cline, Steve Doles, Nancy Wortley; Youth: Carol Cline, Diana Wortley.

CAMP 11&12 CONFERENCE AT BARBEE - August 3-9, Leader: Connie Wells; Youth: Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline.

#### SPECIALS FOR HIGHSCHOOLERS AND POST HI

MUSIC DRAMA CONFERENCE - July 13 - 25 with one week at Indiana Lake and one week tour directed by Karen Warren for those entering grades 9-12 - \$65.00.

SMOKIES BACKPACK - August 3-9 for those entering grade 11 through post hi. \$44.00 includes drive to Smokies, backpack, and return. Youth: Robbie Pauley.

(Remember-Turn in one-half of announced fee-the church pays the balance)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

NDAY, JUNE 8

8:15 A.M. Meditative Woeship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Congregational  
Pitch-in Dinner  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship  
NDAY, JUNE 9

6:00 P.M. Fellowship Guild  
Conrad, Elaine Conrad, 1421  
vada  
ESDAY, JUNE 10

12:30 P.M. Gamboe Group - Salad  
ncheon, Fellowship Hall  
5:00 P.M. C.Y.F.  
7:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
WEDSDAY, JUNE 12  
9:30 A.M. Rivera Group  
chard's Restaurant

No Choir rehears-  
until September.

SERMON FOR JUNE 8:  
HONORING GOD WHO PROMISES"  
Ezekiel 6:1-6; Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9 9-13

PANTRY NEEDS:  
CANNED FRUITS  
LAUNDRY SOAP  
PEANUT BUTTER

## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AND MEETING

All are cordially invited to  
share in a pitch-in dinner this  
coming Sunday evening at 5:30 P.M.  
Bring food and table service suit-  
able for the number in the family.  
Drinks and rolls will be furnished.  
This is an excellent fellowship op-  
portunity for relationship and vis-  
iting.

Our new members during the past  
year are being invited as special  
guests. Learn to know them and re-  
late with them. Child care will be  
provided during the congregational  
meeting.

The annual congregational busi-  
ness meeting will include the fol-  
lowing actions:

1. Confirmation of Property  
Co-Chairmen.
2. Election including the fol-  
lowing: Elder Emeritus; Chas.  
Fuchshuber; Clerk Emeritus:  
Edna Vaught; Elders: Steve  
Harter, Robert Rayl, Merle  
Rice and Jack Weicker; Dea-  
conate; Max Finkhousen, Tom  
Frappier, Eileen Klepfer,  
Gladys Moore, Scott Rayl,  
Schellie Schell, Kenneth,  
Place, Ken Taylor.

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V. Williams-SW, K. Banet-NE  
E. Nordbloom-SE.

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10:45 A.M. Clint Crowe, Marty  
Cole

Communion Preparation

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The C.Y.F. elected the following steering committee instead of officers for the coming year-Diana Wortley, Robbie Pauley, Chad Cline & Ken Taylor.

The new Young Couples Class has chosen the name "CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION". Their steering committee for six months is Roger & Freida Coy and Gary & Jan Loveless. Dean & Elsie Widler are teachers assisted by Joe & Linda Wiley.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATES

Steve Hall from IUPU in August  
Commencement

David Hall from I.U. School of  
Medicine.

THANKS TO CONGREGATION

Thanks to all for prayers, cards, calls of concern, and the comfort they gave me, also, my family in the recent death of my grandson Steven R. Donohue.

Maude Donohue

The family of Edna L. Bowen expresses appreciation for the many prayers, visits, cards, and flowers extended during her illness and hospitalization. Dr. Cline's words of love and hope have been especially comforting. We also thank the good friends who prepared food for the family meal.

FUNERALS BY PASTOR

Mrs. Edna Bowen, who had united with FCC IN February, 1970, on 5/30/75. Our deep sympathy is extended to Walter in his loss.

Mrs. Gretchen Chamberlain, who has been active for 16 years, but whose membership was with Northway Christian Church in Dallas, Texas, on 6/2/75.

ETING

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### 3. PROPOSED MINISTRIES

The recommended program for support by the congregation.

4. POSSIBLE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. This action is dependent upon Board action of June 3, 1975.

### D.M.A. PLANS

The June meeting will be a picnic in Franke Park at 12:00 noon Tuesday, June 24. Hosting are Gene Cline, Laura Marks, and Ther Whitton.

The D.M.A. decided to go to the Legion Wheel Theater in Warsaw on Thursday, July 24 to see "GYPSY". The cost for bus and tickets will be \$6.00 per person. The bus will carry 46 persons and reservations are due by July 10. Reservations can be made by calling the church office--or better yet, turn in the \$6.00 with the name or names of those going. This is first-come, first-served--Last year, we had people waiting for cancellations.

The Potluck and Homemade Ice Cream day at the Cline's has been postponed to August 26 at 12:00 noon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN THESE DAYS!

### PLACEMATS AVAILABLE:

The C.Y.F. has been selling sets of 6 Inspirational Placemats. This is a fund-raising project toward our youth attending the General Assembly in San Antonio August. Sets are \$3.50 and will be available at the congregational dinner.

## WE CAN REACH \$104,000!

### Adjusted Working

Budget	\$104,000.00
Giving for 48 Wks.	<u>91,363.04</u>
NEEDED BY JUNE 30	\$ 12,636.96

### WE CAN REACH OUR GOAL:

-If everyone would give from 25% to 100% of the 1974 Tax Rebate!

-If every resident and non-resident member would give a bit extra!

-If we would be faithful to the Biblical practice of tithing!

### OUR GIVING IS NEEDED:

We were in the red by \$2,180.92 at the end of May. We are behind \$3,000 in budget support for Christian Church Outreach--Basic Mission Finance. LET'S COME THROUGH DURING JUNE!

### PENTECOST OFFERING:

\$400 was mailed this week for Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church as from special Pentecost giving.

Our six Special Day offerings this year have been:

World Communion for Reconciliation	\$ 258
Week of Compassion for World Relief	1,000
Basic Mission Finance	
Thanksgiving	\$ 300
Christmas	1,050
Easter	800
Pentecost	<u>400</u>
TOTAL SPECIAL DAYS	\$4,308

### C.Y.F. SUMMER SCHEDULE

The C.Y.F. will meet regularly on Tuesdays at 5:00 P.M. and will include Bell Choir at 7:00 P.M. All high schoolers are welcome!

# SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Our summer program for children this summer takes a new form. The Christian Education Committee voted to incorporate our traditional Vacation Church School, the Adventure Days, Field Trips, and Movies we have had in recent years, all into one summer long program. This will begin at 9:30 A.M. on Wednesday, June 18, and is open to all children ages 3-5th grade. Hours will be 9:30 - 11:30 each Wednesday through August 20.

The activities on June 18 include a trip to the Children's Zoo, with a snack sack provided for each child. Time will be spent at the park following the visit to the Zoo, in discussion of God's plan for animals in His world.

Several Wednesdays are planned here at the church, with activities including those usually found in Vacation Church School. Other Wednesdays include trips to Delmas Young's bee farm and to the Hyerly Bakery at Ossian, plus a picnic in the park. Two movies, complete with cartoon features are planned, as well as a visit with community helpers (firemen, policemen, etc. ) and films on bicycle safety.

Flyers will go home with our boys and girls next Sunday morning.

## YOUTH REGISTERED TO DATE FOR CAMPS & CONFERENCES

CAMP 5-6 - June 30-July 5 (Barbee) - Eric Jenkins; Diana Schrock

CAMP 5-6 - July 14-19 (Barbee) - Mai Pauley

CAMP 7-8 - July 21-26 (Barbee) - Ann Lee; Kathy Lee

CONFERENCE 9-10 - July 27-August 2 (Barbee) - Carol Cline; Diana Wortley; Terri Gardner; Jean Lauer; Anita Fountain; Mark Rayl; Denise Schrock; Dawn Schrock.

CONFERENCE 11-12 - August 3-9 (Barbee) - Melanie Baugher; Chad Cline

SMOKIES BACK PACK - August 3-9 - Robbie Pauley

### GIFTS TO MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Steven R. Donohue: Maude Donohue; Gamboe Group

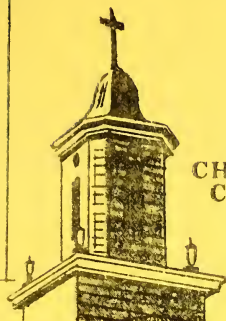
In memory of Edna Bowen: Marjorie Keiser & Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Veazey; Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Williamson; Ethel Birkhold; Clarence & Blanche Hetrick; Vaughn Buckley; Madge Woodham



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, JUNE 16

10:00 A.M. Study Group

### TUESDAY, JUNE 17

5:00 P.M. C.Y.F.  
7:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:30 P.M. C.W.F. Executive Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 P.M. Nelson Group-Dinner  
Out

### THURSDAY, JUNE 19

7:00 P.M. Swing Choir

### FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Church Family Camp-Out -Chain-  
O-Lakes

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, June 15th, marks the important expression of our people towards undergirding the Proposed Ministries of First Christian Church for the church year beginning July 1. Financial Commitments will be received during each of the three worship hours. Commitment cards will be received in every home this week in a special mailing. Pages 3 to 6 of this TIDINGS interpret the needs and program.

The sermon at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. will be "MANIFESTING JESUS' IMPULSE" based on Exodus 19:2-6; Romans 5:6-11; and Matthew 9:3-10:8.

Any who cannot be present Sunday are asked to mail commitments to the church as soon as possible.

## VACATION VENTURES

Our summer program for children of the neighborhood and congregation begins next Wednesday, June 18th, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M. Bring them in by the carloads for this regular summer educational program each Wednesday. Read details on page 8 of this TIDINGS.

YOUR INVITATION  
TO EXPRESS YOUR  
COMMITMENT FOR  
PROPOSED MINISTRIES  
OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
DURING WORSHIP, JUNE 15

TRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK  
CANNED MEAT

SIMILAC

SERVING JUNE 15

Elders

8:15 A.M. Bert Leversee and

Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Fred Smell and

Jim Ruble

Deacons

8:15 A.M. W. Bowen, C. Hetrick,

J. Olson, D. Olson

10:45 A.M. J. Wiley, R. Baugher,

D. Young, M. Crouse, R. Wortley,

D. Short, R. Johnson, J. Taylor,

H. Stevenson

Ushers

8:15 A.M.G. Bruckman, D. Smith,

J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Baugher,

M. Byers, J. Frappier

Greeters

8:15 A.M. S. Thompson-NW

E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. D. Overmeyer-NW

N. Andrew-SW, M. Cook-NE, S.

Knuckles-SE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Tim Sauerwein, Scott

Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Dan Clifton, Mark Rayl

Communion Preparation

Sue Knuckles and Marge Lehman

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dick and Barbara Johnson

Val Williams

IN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

762 - Mr. Jack Gerrard

444 - Eunice Soden

327 - Mrs. Esther Goins

M214 - Mrs. Rebecca Morris

562 - Donald Courtney

MOVED TO NURSING CARE

Dempsey Weaver is now in room

223 of Colonial Crest Nursing

Center, 2940 N. Clinton

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Walter Bowen in the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Harvey (Hazel) Bowen last week.

CHURCH CAMP OUT JUNE 20-22

Our first scheduled church family camp out will be at Chain-O-Lakes State Park the weekend of June 20-22. Russ and Nancy Wortley are coordinating this event. Steve Doles and Dr. Cline are giving staff leadership. Please state your intentions of participating by calling the church office - 744-3239 or by calling the Wortleys - 747-0905. Campfires and worship will be a part of the experience. The facilities of the park are available for the bulk of the time as families desire. Food will be by families.

MEMBER IN RETREAT PROGRAM

Delores Keebortz is a member of the panel on "God Chose Me to Minister Unto...." at the CWF Regional Retreat at Indiana Central College, June 21-22

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\$104,000 BY JUNE 30, 1975

\$10,840.14 is needed in budget giving the next three Sundays, IF EVERY MEMBER AND FRIEND WILL GIVE ----IF WE WILL GIVE GENEROUSLY OR TOTALLY OUR 1974 TAX REBATE----IF WE MAKE SOME SACRIFICE---We can reach this adjusted budget goal of \$104,000 by June 30th!

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SWING CHOIR

Thursday, June 19, the Swing Choir will rehearse in the Choir Room. It will begin at 7:00 P.M. and will last approximately 2 hours. Anyone may join, no try outs, contemporary music. Any questions - Contact Mel Busse

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS PARTY

4:00 P.M. at the "Ruble Ranch" this Saturday, June 14th.



## JUNE 15 IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

### WHAT ???

The Congregation took official action sustaining the Board in protecting the MINISTRIES OF OUR CONGREGATION in the coming Church year. These require the faithful stewardship of dollars. Without an elaborate program each person or family is being asked to express his intention of giving for the year beginning July 1. The burden is a matter of conscience between each believer and his relationship with Jesus Christ. The expression of commitments enable the Stewardship-Finance Committee and Board to work on some basis of reasonable expectation.

### HOW ???

Commitment Cards will be mailed yet this week so that necessary family discussion and decisions can be made. Bring these and turn them in at a special Commitment time in our Worship hours this Sunday. If you will be unable to worship this Sunday, we would appreciate your prompt mailing of this card. We are anxious to hear from all of our members and friends with some response as quickly as possible. THIS IS THE WEEK TO ACT!

### WHY ???

We are consciously not using the traditional term "budget" this year. We are concerned that all share in the widespread and meaningful ministry which our Congregation offers to members, friends, our community, and our world. Dollars are merely vehicles of enablement. Our responsible stewardship of resources is absolutely necessary for the functioning and work of the congregation and its staff. We are trying to not only serve ourselves, but to exist for others in our community and world.

### WHY CHANGE ???

All on Social Security benefits are slated to receive an 8% increase as of July 1. Thus someone who has been receiving \$200 per month is now increased to \$216 per month. This could allow monthly giving to increase from \$20 per month to \$21.60 per month--This is translating the 8% increase also to giving. Others are receiving increases reflecting inflation--giving should increase in the same or even greater proportion. Admittedly, we have some unemployed or with no change in income, these may have to hold steady or decrease giving. We only ask for serious, responsible, and prayerful response.

### ON WHAT BASIS ???

WE HAVE FOUND THE FOLLOWING A HELPFUL GUIDE:

- 1 per week in giving per \$1,000 of annual income--5% Beginning Commitment
- 2 per week in giving per \$1,000 of annual income--10% Biblical Tithe
- 3 per week in giving per \$1,000 of annual income--15% Sacrificial Giving



MINISTRY FOR OTHERS - Beginning last July, we have mailed one outreach check on a schedule each Sunday of the month. All have been sent this year except three monthly checks for Basic Mission Finance---Christian Church Outreach. It is hoped that we can catch up on these during June if we reach our adjusted goal \$104,000. Regardless of June, we have remitted the highest percentage of budgeted outreach money in any of the last five years.

CENTENNIAL APPEAL LOAN - The regular giving of the past year has enabled the church to pay off the mortgage loan for the Centennial Projects of 1971. \$4,000 of regular giving completed the work which was left last December when Appeal Giving ended.

INDIANA APPEAL FOR RESPONSE IN FAITH - Our Church completed its fair share and generous oversubscription of this Regional effort to eradicate its overspending in the 1960's and for current Capital Projects. Our congregation is the third largest contributor to this cause in Indiana.

END OF DEFICIT SPENDING - It is too early to be sure, but our efforts to complete our adjusted commitments of \$104,000 are designed to insure the congregation that its operating fund will be in the black by June 30. Both this fund and the Centennial Appeal Loan have made us in the red for over 4 years. We desire to be in the black and show a responsible corporate stewardship.

## EXPECTATIONS FOR 1975-76

CHURCH SCHOOL ON UPSWING - A vibrant new young couples class and other new groupings seem to give evidence of a new surge in participation in our educational program.

FOURTEEN MEMBERS TO BE AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY - The youth enthusiasm and participation is going to mean that First Christian will have its largest contingent at any national level program this August in San Antonio, Texas. This will climax a summer in which we will have provided 13 camp and conference counselors from our congregation and hopefully more conferees than ever before (Last year we had a high of 27; we are now up to 20 registrants)

MOVEMENT TOWARD SOME BUILDING GOALS - Concrete action has begun and plans are solidifying to move forward on some dreams of interior building improvements to equalize the inside and outside of our structure.

CHURCH VOCATION PROGRAM GROWING - We stand ready to announce another youth commitment towards a church vocation. Ed Allen, Jr. will graduate from Brite Theological Seminary of Texas Christian University next spring. Steve Doles has entered into our lives and hearts already as our Summer Intern.

## ENABLING OUR 1975-76 EXPECTATIONS

COMMUNITY AND WORLD OUTREACH TO OTHERS	\$23,710
\$250 monthly for Associated Churches, especially Weekday Christian Education - \$900 for Pantry & Helping Hand - \$1110 for other local ministries - \$1,000 monthly for Basic Mission Finance of Christian Church Outreach for operation of General Work, Overseas and Homeland Ministries, Colleges & Seminaries, Benevolent Homes - \$750 quarterly for Capital Needs of Christian Church Outreach - \$125 monthly for both Week of Compassion & Reconciliation for Ministries of Aid - \$700 annually for Ecumenical Causes.	
PROGRAMMATIC LIFE OF CONGREGATION	16,055
Diversified Educational Program including Church School, Youth Program, Vacation Ventures, Leadership Development, Learning Groups, Child Care, Summer Camps - Newspaper Advertising and Evangelism Program - THE DISCIPLE in member homes - Fellowship meals and Funeral Flowers - Music Leadership and Organists - Worship and Music Supplies - Giving Envelopes - PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE AND CARING	
PROVISION OF BUILDING NEEDS	16,620
Custodial Care - Insurance - Utilities - Building Maintenance-- Lawn Care - Paper and Custodial Supplies	
ENABLING OF OFFICE MINISTRY	18,826
Secretarial work for congregation - Weekly TIDINGS and Bulletins - Mailings - Facilitating Materials as Hospital Tracts - Business Expenses of Staff - Records	
PROFESSIONAL PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	34,116
Senior Pastor, Minister of Education, Pulpit Supply, Summer Intern --Preaching, Teaching, Counseling, Calling, Weddings, Funerals, Administrative and Organizational Leadership -- Service to congregation, community, and larger church.	
TOTAL PROJECTIONS	----- \$109,327.00



SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE  
CHURCH BOARD AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
June 3 and 8, 1975

The Congregation confirmed the action of the Board in the election of Ed Allen and Paul Yentas as Co-Chairmen of Property Committee.

The Congregation voted approval on the following nominations:

Elder Emeritus: Charles Fuchshuber

Clerk Emeritus: Edna Vaught

Elders for five year terms: Steve Harter, Robert Rayl, Marle Rice, Jack Weicker.

Board of Diaconate for five year terms: Peg Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Max Finkhousen, Tom Frappier, Eileen Klepfer, Gladys Moore, Kenneth Place, Scott Rayl, Schellie Schell, and Ken Taylor.

The Board and Congregation approved the following PROPOSED MINISTRIES TO BE ENABLED BY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Pastoral Professional Ministry	\$34,116
Office Ministry	18,826
Educational Program	6,650
Evangelism Witness	500
Membership Development	2,655
Provision of Building Facility	16,620
Stewardship Development	350
Facilitating Worship	5,900
Local Community Outreach and Service	5,010
Outreach Ministry in Region, Nation, & World	18,700
	<u>\$109,227</u>

The Board, after much thoughtful deliberation concerning recommendations of the Property, Stewardship, and Outreach Committees, approved the following action which was unanimously approved by the congregation:

1. We recommend that the Proposed bids of the Major Property Improvements for the Repair and Repaving of the Parking Lot of \$6,770 and the Exterior Painting of \$2,150 be approved for immediate work. If it is needed, sufficient funds will be borrowed temporarily to pay for these two projects.
2. We recommend that the congregation approve a Major fund-raising program this fall to pay the parking lot and painting costs and to undergird the proposed Major Property Improvements. The Improvement Loan may be up to five years rather than three years only of the pledges. Up to twenty-five per cent of fund receipts will be accumulated for capital outreach projects simultaneous with our local payment of improvements.



## CHURCH BOARD AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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This action means that the total \$66,018 Program by the Property Committee awaits the Fall fund effort (A special gift of \$3,000 has been received since the congregational meeting towards carpeting and some classroom work.)

The Board of Trustees also increased the basic insurance on our building by \$150,000 at a cost of \$225 annually and approved recommendation of utilizing CETA help during the summer.

### GIFTS TO MEMORIAL FUND

*In Memory of Edna Bowen:* Mrs. Gwen Schweibert, Mrs. Nina Vardaman, Mrs. Frances Ginney, Mrs. Gladys Orr.

*In Memory of Gretchen Chamberlain:* Friendly Class, The New Century Club, and her neighbors: Mr. and Mrs. Glen Bentz, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hallberg, Mr. and Mrs. John Homrig, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lawburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McRae, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Strouts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Tuschling, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Yoder, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Vass, Miss Wilma Pratt.

### ADDITIONAL CAMP AND CONFERENCE

#### REGISTRATIONS

Camp 5&6 at Barbee, July 14 - 19

Dale Davis

Camp 7&8 at Barbee, July 21 - 26

John Morris

Camp 9&10 at Barbee, July 27-Aug.

2 - Matthew Ralf

YOUTH--TURN IN THOSE FORMS ONE  
HALF OF THE FEE FOR THE WEEK--REG-  
ISTER NOW!

### POSTING OTHERS:

Two of our families have received word about Japanese students whom they will host from July 26 to August 29.

The Robert Hendricks Family will host 20 year old Sumiko Hagiwara.

The Bobby Pauley Family will host 16 year old Akira Suzuki who will join Robbie Bith on the Smoke Mountain backpack and the

Youth Bus Trip to the General Assembly at San Antonio.

The Jim Ruble Family is first stand by if some family must cancel out of this program.

The Bobby Pauleys and Steve Harter are in the process of applying for children in the INDIANA SUMMER VACATION PROGRAM. Others would be welcome to apply for this interchange of culture.

### THANKS TO CONGREGATION

The beautiful flowers were deeply appreciated. Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The Family of Edna L. Bowen

## VACATION VENTURE SERIES

Our summer program for 1975 has a new look! Rather than a two week, three day per week Vacation Church School as in past years, supplemented by Adventure Days and two or three Disney movies, we are incorporating all into once a week all summer program, to begin on Wednesday, June 18, and continue each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11:30, through August 20. This program is open to all children, ages 3 through those who were in sixth grade this past year. Children are asked to bring 25¢ each week if they can (if not, simply come anyway) to help defray costs of the program

June 18 - Trip to Franke Park Zoo, followed by discussion of God's Plan for Animals in His World;  
Drivers for this excursion include: Lee Baugher, Steve Doles, Ramona Ketner, Mrs. Alan Klopenstein, Bernie Norman, Betty Grimm, Miriam Bixenman. Discussion will be led by Miriam Bixenman.

June 25 and July 2 - Age level Vacation Church School Classes at the church. Activities will include records, stories, Bible study, Crafts, singing, worship, and games  
Leaders include: Nursery: Tana Harter and Rosemary Krull; Kindergarten: Nila Schilling, Val Taylor (June 25), and Ramona Ketner (July 2); First and Second Grades: Nancy Terry and Peg Buskirk (June 25), and Eunice Conrad (July 2); Third and Fourth Grades: Pat and Bernie Norman; and Fifth and Sixth Grades: Steve Doles.

July 9 - Trip to Delmas Young's Bee Farm followed by discussion of God's plan for bees.

July 16 - Disney Movie: The Littlest Outlaw and comedy, Jackwabbit and the Beanstalk (Movies to be shown again at 7:30 for families).

July 23 - Age level classes involving films on bicycle safety (David Won't Be Here Today and I'm No Fool With A Bicycle and visits with community helpers such as firemen and policemen.)

July 30 and August 6 - Vacation Church School Age Level Classes at Church.

August 13 - Disney Movie: Perri and comedy Robinhood Makes Good (Movies to be shown again at 7:30 for families).

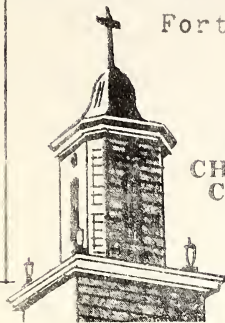
August 20 - Visit to Hyerly's Bakery in Ossian, followed by cake and Koolade in the park and discussion of God's plan for food.



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## COMPLETE OUR COMMITMENTS

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 20

Church Family Camp Out  
Main-O-Lakes State Park

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 22

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### MONDAY, JUNE 23

10:00 A.M. Study Group

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 24

12:00 P.M. D.M.A. Potluck  
Picnic at Franke Park  
5:00 P.M. C.Y.F.  
7:00 P.M. Bell Choir

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 P.M. Swing Choir

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 P.M. "PTL" Party  
Fellowship Hall

#### SERMON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22

From Paralyzing to Creative  
Fear of God" - Jeremiah 20:7-13;  
Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33.

#### COUNTRY NEEDS:

INSTANT COFFEE  
POWDERED MILK  
CANNED MEAT

128 Giving units of couples youth, or children made commitments this past weekend. This 1/3 of our 1974 Giving Units committed \$55,824.70 of our Proposed Ministries goal of \$109,327. Since we should be moving to 400 giving units, we have many to hear from at this point. Mail the Yellow Form mailed you last week in the envelope provided or place it in the offering plate with your weekly giving this Sunday.

As we study the current year, we have averaged \$26 per week in loose giving and \$43 per week in Church School giving. With this anticipated income also we stand at \$59,154.70 or \$50,172.30 short of underwriting our Ministries.

We have made an excellent start-Let all join in and complete this common sharing of intentions before June 30.

A second completion task is towards our current adjusted budget giving goal of \$104,000. With two Sundays remaining, we are \$8,539.64 short. We invite every member to help us reach our goal which reflects our commitments of one year ago! Bring or mail gifts before June 30th!



SERVING JUNE 22

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman

Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Bill Schilling

Andy Cook

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Petty, D. Allen,

W. Bowen, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. D. Markley, R. Cole,

C. Cline, J. Wiley, S. Hayes,

B. Lehman, R. Baugher, D. Andrew,

R. Johnson

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Allen,

G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, G. Bozarth,

M. Finkhousen, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. R. Yentes-NW

C. Lee-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson-NW

D. Sauerwein-SW, R. Krull-SE,

M. Lehman-NE

Communion Preparation

Sue Knuckles and Marge Lehman

Homebound Communion

Ralph Church - Romane Cole

Harold Crowder - Walter Bowen

Coffee Hour Hosts

Delores Overmeyer and Mary Cook

IN LUTHERAN HOSPITAL

472 - Mr. Jack Gerrard

444 - Eunice Soden

327 - Mrs. Esther Goins

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Dempsey Weaver at church on 6/16/75. He first united here during 1932. Sympathy is extended to Harriet, his wife, Barbara Bloom, his daughter, Sadie Kattas his sister, and the other family members.

ADDITIONAL CAMP & CONFERENCE:

Valerie Williams at Barbee for Conference 11 & 12, Aug, 3-9.

VISIT WITH PEGGY (LOVE) ERICKSON

Margaret and Bill Love invite you to visit with their daughter, Peggy, and her family, Saturday afternoon, June 21, 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. at 341 W. Maple Grove Avenue,

THANK YOU NOTES TO CHURCH

Dear Christian Friends,

Thanks so much for all your prayers and also to Rev. Cline for his prayers and visits at the Hospital. May God Bless all of you.

Thanks again,

Carol Davis

P.S. Many special thanks to Lee Baugher.

I wish to thank First Christian and Rev. Cline for visits, cards, and prayers while in the hospital. At times like this we need all the help we can get. Am doing very nicely.

Thanks again,

Vada Tatman

CLASSROOM SHIFT

The Gospel Seekers Class will meet in Room 120 during the summer months.

INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS

The opening part of the worship at 10:45 A.M. on June 29th will be the installation of recently elected elders, deacons, and deaconesses. Continuing leaders and those rotating off are also asked to be present for this occasion.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Sylvester Scott and Donna Diane Kiser on 6/10/75. They are residing at 2022 S. Harrison.

## MMER MUSIC LEADERSHIP

We thank our Chancel Choir for their music and inspiration since last September. In its place we have a variety of special music store for the summer months.

June 22

8:15 - Jan Loveless, Vocal Solo  
10:45 - Steve Miller & Jerry Zimmerman, Organ-Piano Duet.

June 29

8:15 - Becky Stucky, Vocal Solo  
10:45 - Bernie & Pat Norman, Vocal Duet.

Steve Doles is regularly leading the singing with his guitar for Celebration Worship each Sunday evening at 8:00 P.M.

## WEDDING AND FAREWELL CELEBRATION

A party is planned for 7:30 P.M., Friday, June 27, honoring the impending wedding for Stew Cain and Barbara Schrock and their daughters, Dawn, Denise, and Jane who will be moving to Kansas City after the July 10th wedding.

## COMMITMENT TOWARDS CHURCH VOCATION

Valerie Williams has signed a commitment towards a Church Vocation. This will be recognized in a special feature of our worship on Sunday morning, July 20th at 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour. Valerie has served as a Regional Youth Officer for the past two years and will be entering Butler University this fall.

CHURCH YEAR END AND BEGINNING:  
Help make goal by June 30 and  
fill Commitment Form today for  
Church Year!

## CAMP OUT -- CHAIN-O-LAKES

Families are invited to join in this weekend at Chain-O-Lakes State Park. Call Russ or Nancy Wortley, 747-0905 or at the church office 744-3239 so that sufficient sites can be held adjoining each other.

The C.Y.F. is participating as a group this weekend and so there will be youthful enthusiasm. Steve Doles and Dr. Cline are staff persons for the camp out.

## PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT FUND:

The Board and Congregational Meeting in June considered and heard discussion of some major Property Improvement Projects totaling \$66,018. Two were voted for immediate action and a major fund drive was approved for the fall.

Before the congregational meeting someone had given \$30 in designated money, and after the meeting someone gave \$3,000 for certain projects. Late in the week someone offered to pay the total cost of a particular item.

Thus, we are opening a Property Improvement Fund. Gifts may be earmarked for special projects of the program or undesignated which will be used according to Board determined priorities.

### VACATION VENTURE SERIES:

Next Wednesday's program for children will be an age-level basis in class groupings for Christian learning. COME AND BRING OTHER CHILDREN -- Age 3 through those recently leaving sixth grade. 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.



## GREETINGS IN THE LORD:

Some months ago, I received this anonymous note:

"Dr. Cline

Do you ever get done begging the members for money? Seems to me that is all you expect from the membership. Money, money, money."

May I respond?

I would ask anyone to listen carefully each Sunday in worship and to read the TIDINGS carefully. I would also invite someone like this to share in hospital calls and counselling if it were possible. I categorically deny the statement.

My goal in sharing the Christian responsibilities is to underscore three things:

1. Commitment by which I mean the surrender of the whole life as completely as possible to Jesus as Lord in a personal relationship.
2. Discipline by which I mean daily personal experiences of prayer and centering with God, regular group life with fellow Christians, and regular worship at the Lord's Table.
3. Ministry by which I understand that by baptism every Christian is ordained a minister of Christ to be expressed in worship, in daily context of life, and in church serving.

Admittedly, the expression of giving is in all three, but also are other traits of God as love, faithfulness, and caring.

Perhaps if I would be more faithful to the Gospel record, I would talk about money even more since Jesus did.

Our current push to do what we said a year ago is especially pertinent, since we stand on the likelihood of being completely out of debt as a church for the first time in over 23 years.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." I believe it! Do you!

Harold E. Cline

## D.M.A. PICNIC AND PLANS:

All retirees, widows and widowers, all over 60 are invited to join the group at Franke Park at 12:00 noon next Tuesday, June 24. Bring a covered dish, table service, and drinks in thermoses. Bring any games that might be used in the park. Let's enjoy this day in our park.

Tuesday, July 8, is the deadline for reservations for the D.M.A. Bus Trip to Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw on Thursday evening, July 24 to see "GYPSY". The bus and play costs \$6 which is due now. Make checks out to church office. Last August, we had people on the waiting list for the bus load so act now.

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## WHERE ARE WE?

### IN FINISHING THIS CHURCH YEAR

Adjusted Budget Goal	\$104,000.00
Giving for 50 weeks	95,460.00
NEEDED BY JUNE 30th	8,359.64

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### ENABLING PROPOSED MINISTRIES OF 1975-76 CHURCH YEAR:

Proposed Ministries	\$109,327.00
Commitments	
Anticipated	59,154.70
GOALS NEEDED	50,172.30

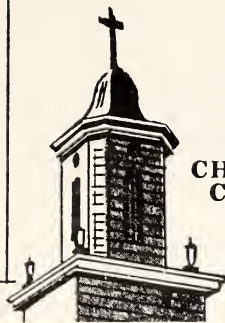
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## INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:30 P.M. "Praise the Lord"  
Party in Fellowship Hall for  
Stew Blain and Barb, Denise,  
Diana, and Dawn Schrock

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 28

5:00 P.M. Young Couples Cook  
Out, Dick & Sue Johnson, 4534  
Wilmette

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 29

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
Installation Service  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

6:30 P.M. C.Y.F.  
7:00 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees Mtg.  
THURSDAY, JULY 3  
7:00 P.M. Swing Choir

#### SERMON FOR SUNDAY:

"Alive to God" Ezekial 34:11-16  
Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:34-42

#### COUNTRY NEEDS:

SIMILAC  
BABY FOOD  
MACARONI AND CHEESE

All present and newly elected members of the Church Board, the Board of Elders, or the Board of Diaconate are asked to meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:35 A.M. this Sunday for the Processional Hymn of Worship. The opening of our 10:45 A.M. Worship will include the installation of our new leaders and the recognition of those going off rotation.

This installation is in preparation for the new church year which begins on July 1. To be installed Sunday are Elders: Steve Harter, Robert Rayl, Merle Rice, and Jack Weicker; Deacons: Max Finkhousen, Tom Frappier, Kenneth Place, Scott Rayl, & Ken Taylor; Deaconesses: Peg Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Eileen Klepfer, Gladys Moore, and Schellie Schell.

To be recognized in honorary offices are Charles Fuchshuber, Elder Emeritus; and Edna Vaught, Clerk Emeritus.

To be recognized for completing a period of service and going off on rotation are: Elders: Andrew Cook, David Griggs, Bert Leversee, and Fred Smell; Deacons: Doug Allen, Romane Cole, Clarence Hetrick, & Robert Petty; Deaconesses: Delores Overmeyer, Doris Sauerwein, and Ruth Ventes.

SERVING JUNE 29

Elders

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church  
Robert Hendricks  
10:45 A.M. Andy Crowe  
Cecil Rice

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, W. Bowen,  
M. Terry, J. Olson  
10:45 A.M. M. Crouse, D. Short,  
D. Young, H. Stevenson, S. Hayes,  
R. Wortley, J. Wiley, R. Johnson,  
J. Taylor

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
M. Terry, J. Stucky  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Byers,  
J. Frappier, H. Stevenson

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
M.L. Hartzler-SW  
10:45 A.M. D. Overmeyer-NW  
E. Nordbloom-SW, V. Williams-NE,  
K. Banet-SE

Communion Preparation

Sue Knuckles and Marge Lehman

Coffee Hour Hosts

The Jack Sauerwein Family

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN

472 - Mr. Jack Gerrard

PARKVIEW

350 - Mrs. Joan Gump

727 - Mrs. Nancy Geiselman

CELEBRATION SINGING:

Celebration Worship at 8:00 P.M. on Sunday Evenings has taken off with its singing. Steve Doles, our Summer Intern is leading singing with his guitar and has brought a note of joy and enthusiasm. Join in this time each Sunday night at 8:00. You will find life and sparkle a plenty.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CLASS

The new Young Couples Class will have a cook-out this Saturday Evening, June 28th, at 5:00 P.M. with Sue and Dick Thompson, 4534 Wilmette. All young couples are invited!

ATTENTION CWF WOMEN

An urgent 15 minute meeting will be held in the parlor after the 10:45 A.M. Worship this Sunday the 29th. An important financial decision must have Fellowship approval before the end of the fiscal year. Women to parlor at 11:45 -- Husbands and children can move on to the Fellowship Hour downstairs while waiting.

COFFEE CANS NEEDED

One or two pound coffee cans are needed for the Camp 5-6 at Barbee in mid July. If you have any that you would be willing to donate, please place them in the box provided at the door nearest the parking lot (south side)

CHURCH CAMP OUT

Campers at Chain-O-Lakes this past weekend included: Jim & Becky Stucky; Barb, Dawn, Denise & Diana Schrock; Russ, Nancy, Diana, & John Wortley; Bobby, Sharon, Robbie & Mai Pauley; Ben, Val, Jim, Kenny, & Larry Taylor; Pat, Anita, & Chris Fountain; Harold, Chad, & Carol Cline; Schellie Schell, Steve Doles, Val Williams, Jayne Jenkins, Jean Lauer & Danny Book.

Joining the group for Worship on Saturday evening were Bernie, Pat, & Jeannie Norman, & Mike, Nancy, and Jennifer Terry.

The next church Camp Out will be July 18 to 20 at Forest Ridge Camp Grounds. Ben & Val Taylor are in charge.



## CYF VARIETY SHOW - 5:00 P.M. - JULY 20, 1975

You will not want to miss the evening of fun which our C.Y.F. is planning for Sunday, July 20th at 5:00 P.M. It is a Variety Show which will feature you. We are looking for songs, dances, skits, recitations, instrumental numbers, comedy routines, or any other unknown talent which you might have. This is your chance, either individually or as a group, to show us that God has given you some unique special ability. (Whatever it may be!)

Entry blanks, which need to be returned by July 8th are available through the church office of the C.Y.F. members. The blanks also will be found near the posters in the church which advertise the event. We ask that your entries be approximately 5 minutes and that each participant be at the church at 4:00 P.M. on the day of the show.

We are depending on you to make this a success so please get involved. If you do not feel that you can perform, come anyway and support your friends. There will be enough food and refreshments available to provide you with a light supper, so come to enjoy the Christian Fellowship of our family.

## BIBLE A MONTH CLUB CHECK SENT

The first check from our Church School children in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade has been sent to support our membership in the Bible a Month Club. Our children are striving to bring one penny additional offering each Sunday to support this project which sends a Bible to someone in the world who would not otherwise have one each month. The project comes as through the American Bible Society and each month our children will give word as to where their Bible went that month, and a brief excerpt from the scriptures in the language of the country to which the Bible went. The gift is \$3.00 each month for one year.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

memory of Edna Bowen: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coffman  
memory of Gretchen Chamberlain: A book in the church library, "Something Old" by Catherine Marshall, by the Spice Group of C.W.F.  
memory of Dempsey Weaver: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Feichter, The Karanutsos family, Monday Evening Contemporary Literature A.A.U.W., Mrs. Tom Weaver, B. Paul Lapp, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rausch, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Hickman, Smith, Mrs. Robert Holycross, Dennie Vlahakis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foley and Mrs. Thomas Casper, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Shull.



# COMMITMENT TO CHRIST EXPRESSED THROUGH CHURCH

## DEMONSTRATION

This Sunday marks the end of our 1974-75 church year in giving. The demonstration of our love and compassion through giving becomes finalized as our witness. What will the final mark be? It will represent a corporate response to Christ in terms of our priorities and our usage of dollars entrusted in our hands.

Last year we had an intensive EVERY MEMBER COMMITMENT PROGRAM.

266 definite commitments of

220 households

totaling \$96,227

Anticipated Church School

Loose Offering, & Endowment Income

4,200

29 households with indefinite commitments rated

at 3,335

56 households rated on the

basis of past giving 7,541

ANTICIPATED INCOME \$111,303

In May after analysis, it as noted that we had lost 15 families from among us whose commitments were over \$7,000. Because of careful spending and following the reality of loss of some families, the Board adjusted the budget goal to \$104,000.

HERE IS WHERE WE ARE WITH ONE  
SUNDAY TO GO:

Adjusted Budget Goal \$104,000.00

Giving for 51 weeks 97,476.19

NEEDED BY JUNE 30TH \$ 6,523.81

## INTENTIONS

Our Stewardship Committee has challenged us this year to make commitments in an abbreviated and low-key basis. Our Proposed Ministries for the new church year was trimmed to \$109,327.

Inflation continues to make its mark on church life. The challenge is out for persons in Christ to be alive and responsive in this day of change. To remain fixed is to die rather quickly amid the rapidly changing economic climate. Admittedly, we have several families in serious financial limitations because of unemployment. Most are enjoying regular of increasing income, however.

The Board of Trustees will be taking a serious look at the Commitments and our Proposed Ministries on the basis of where we are on June 30. The Board meets on Tuesday, July 1, at 7:30 P.M.

The following record indicates our intentions toward enabling Proposed Ministries during 1975-76:

Proposed Ministries \$109,327.00

198 Giving Unit Commitments \$ 78,421.30

Anticipated Church

School Giving 46

Sundays @ \$43 \$ 1,978.00

Anticipated Loose

Offerings 52 Sundays

@ \$26 \$ 1,352.00

Anticipated Earnings

from Endowment Trust

Fund \$ 440.00

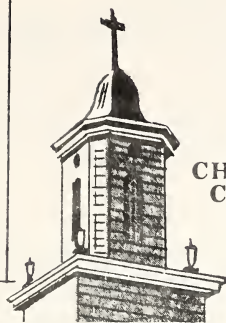
WHERE WE NOW STAND \$ 82,191.30

ADDITIONAL COMMITMENTS NEEDED BY

JUNE 30TH \$ 27,135.70

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## SEEING GOD AT WORK

### CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Independance Day - Office closed

SATURDAY, JULY 5

6:00 P.M. College Age Young

Adults - Franke Park

SUNDAY, JULY 6

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

TUESDAY, JULY 8

7:30 P.M. C.Y.F.

8:00 P.M. Bell Choir

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

7:15 P.M. Men's Chorus

7:30 P.M. Gen. Consul. of Bd.

of Ch. Ext.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

7:00 P.M. Swing Choir

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

CANNED VEGETABLES

MACARONI AND CHEESE DINNERS

CEREAL

### M.A. TRIP TO WAGONWHEEL PLAYHOUSE

\$6 is needed in the church office for any who want to attend THE GYPSEY on Thurs. July 26. Gather at 6:45 for bus. Transportation arranged for widows upon return. Make reservations now at the church office.

### IN OUR NATIONAL HISTORY

Our Sunday morning Worship hours this week will be celebrating the work of God within our nation. This fits the day both as Freedom and Democracy Sunday and as July 4th weekend looking to our Bicentennial celebration.

For the development of this theme, "SEEING GOD AT WORK IN OUR NATIONAL HISTORY" we will have three persons share from their perspectives: Steve Harter, an Elementary Teacher at Lindley School and recently elected elder; Gayle Smith, the recent valedictorian of Wayne High School; and Steve Doles, our summer intern. Music and other parts of the worship hours will fit together with this emphasis upon our nation and our God.

At a special request, Barbara Schrock has agreed to make a personal witness during the 10:45 A.M. Worship "Seeing God at Work in my Personal History".

GENERAL CONSULTATION WITH VERNON BLANKENSHIP OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION - The 5 officers of the congregation, the Property Committee and the Finance Committee are asked to be present at 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, July 9.



SERVING JULY 6

Elders

8:15 A.M. Andy Crowe  
Harold Crowder

10:45 A.M. Glen Miller  
Bill Franklin

Deacons

8:15 A.M. R. Petty, W. Bowen,  
J. Olson, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. D. Markley, S. Hayes,  
C. Cline, D. Andrew, B. Lehman,  
R. Johnson, J. Wiley, D. Young.

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
G. Ludwig, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook,  
M. Finkhousen, D. Markley,  
H. Stevenson.

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW  
S. Thompson-NW

10:45 A.M. M. Cook-NW,  
M. Lehman-SW, K. Banet-SE,  
D. Merriman-NE.

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Bruce Grimm  
Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. John Wortley  
Tim Sauerwein

Communion Preparation

Norma Andrew and Rosemary Krull

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bill and Hazel Crouse

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PARKVIEW

403 - Mrs. Joann Gump  
727 - Mrs. Nancy Geiselman

LUTHERAN

627 - Mrs. Mary McCarthy

CORRECTION:

In the listing of Memorial Gifts last week, Ina Smith was wrongly listed in place of the giving unit, the Higdon Group which gave in the memory of Dempsey Weaver.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Mrs. Thomas (Cindy) Ebetino, 4851 S. Calhoun, 07 - - 456-9544 identified with us in a transfer of membership from First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Cindy is employed as a Nurse's Aide at St. Joseph Hospital. Her husband is employed at North American Van Lines. We welcome Cindy into our fellowship of love and mutual concern.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Friends in Christ,

We will always cherish the love, the prayers, the visits, the cards, and other expressions of concern during the long illness and death of Dempsey Weaver, our beloved husband and father.

We will always remember the comforting message of Dr. Cline, his choice of Bible verses and the rendering of "How Great Thou Art" as a beautiful poem.

The beautiful flowers were deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harriet Weaver

Barbara Weaver Bloom

Dear Friends,

We want to say thank you for your expressions of Love & your Prayers in our lives over the past four years. You have helped us grow in many ways as a family. The pre-wedding & farewell party this week will never be forgotten. Stew wants his thank you expressed to you also. Stew saw your love & caring expressed at the party & feels a Love for First Christian as we do. Thank you,

In Christian Love,

Barbara, Dawn, Denise, & Diana Schro  
& Stew Blain.



# SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

## EUREKA LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Theme - "Spirit and Truth", July 20-25 at Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois. Total cost is \$75.00, including tuition and room and board. Leaders include Dr. Lester McAllister of Christian Theological Seminary, Robert Simpson of Phillips University, and Dr. W.D. Cobb of Eureka College.

## WEST CONFERENCE ON CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

Using the 1975-76 mission study themes ("A Nation Under God", Southeast Asia, "Christians Look at Social Systems" and "Population Crisis-Hunger & Human Dignity", as well as a Bible Study - "Exploring the Mind of Jesus"). July 28 - August 1, at North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, Cost \$6.00.

## 75 LAITY CONFERENCE

Theme - "Shaping our Future", July 27-30, at Indiana Central College, Indianapolis. Cost, \$70.00 including room and board. This conference is designed for those interested in Christian Education, Personal Enrichment, and Church Programming.

Contact Miriam Bixenman or Dr. Cline for further information and registration.

## LETTER OF THANKS

Dear Church Friends,

May I take this method of thanking Dr. Cline and Steve Doles for their cheerful and uplifting visits to me while I was hospitalized.

Thanks to the faithful members for their thoughts and prayers for me, and for the beautiful cards that have been sent to my husband who is disabled. I am very proud to belong to such a wonderful congregation.

May our dear Saviour touch and shed His blessings on each and everyone of you.

In Jesus Christ, I am  
Sincerely,  
Mother (Billie) Goins

## PASTOR ON VACATION

Dr. Cline and family are taking a week of vacation and will be sharing with friends at Martin Lake in Alabama over the weekend of the 4th.

## FUNERAL BY PASTOR

David S. Vesey, a member since 10/1/23, on 7/2/75. Sympathy is extended to the family.

## NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Thomas (Cindy) Ebetino identified with our congregation last Sunday, June 29, during Divine Worship.

## JUNE AVERAGES

Church Worship	296
Church School	142
Budget Giving	\$2143.91

## POSTPONED BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The regular meeting has been shifted from July 1 to July 22 at 7:30 P.M. This will serve as a regular meeting for both July and August.

# PARTICIPANTS IN INDIANA REGIONAL CAMPS, CONFERENCES, TRIP

Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will be leading a special service of commissioning for our youth and adults who are participating in church-sponsored youth events during our worship at 10:45 A.M. this coming Sunday.

CAMP 9&10 at BARBEE, June 8-14: Steve Doles, counselor

CAMP 5&6 at BARBEE, June 30-July 5: Eric Jenkins & Diana Schrock

CAMP 7&8 at BARBEE, July 7-12: Clint Crowe; & Barbara Love, counselor

INDIANA CYF COMMISSION: July 9-11: Chad Cline & Val Williams, Officers, Miriam Bixenman, Counselor.

CAMP 5&6 at BARBEE, July 14-19: Dale Davis, Mai Pauley: Miriam Bixenman. Director; Peg Buskirk, Pat Norman, Jim Taylor, Val Williams, counselors,

CAMP 7&8 at BARBEE: July 21-26: Ann Lee, Kathy Lee, John Morris

CAMP 9&10 at BARBEE: July 27-August 2: Carol Cline, Anita Fountain, Terri Gardner, Jean Lauer, Pat Olson, Matt Ralf, Mark Rayl, Denise and Dawn Schrock, Diana Wortley; Harold Cline, Director; Ruby Cline, Steve Doles, Nancy Wortley, Counselors.

CONFERENCE 11&12 at BARBEE, August 3-9: Melanie Baugher, Chad Cline, Ken Taylor, Val Williams; Connie Wells, Counselor.

SMOKIES BACKPACK, August 3-9: Robbie Pauley

SAN ANTONIO BUS TOUR: Melanie Baugher, Carol Cline, Chad Cline, Robbie Pauley, Schellie Schell, Dawn Schrock, Akira Suzuki, Val Williams, Diana Wortley; Counselors, Miriam Bixenman & Nancy Wortley.

REGISTRATIONS ARE STILL POSSIBLE FOR SOME OF THE LATER EVENTS!

## 1974-75 BUDGET GIVING

We end the church year with total budget giving of \$99,681.35 which is about \$9000 more than any previous year. We appreciate the support of every member and friend. This giving enabled:

1. All scheduled outreach support to be sent regularly except three \$1,000 for Christian Church Outreach in January, April, and May. We came nearer our outreach goal than ever before.

2. The budget picked up the slack in our Centennial and Indiana Appeal shortages and we fulfilled our commitment to the region and also paid off the mortgage loan.

Dempsey Weaver.

## NEW CHURCH YEAR BEGINS

The undergirding of our Proposed ministries for 1975-76 begins this week.

Anticipated Cost	\$109,327.00
214 pledges	82,423.90

Anticipated in Ch, Sch.

Loose, Fund Earn.	3,770.00
Other Giving Needed	23,133.10

The reality stands beyond pledges in the dedicated giving, Our Proposed Ministries average out at \$2,102.44 LET'S BEGIN AND BE CURRENT ALL YEAR!

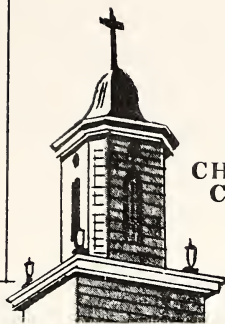
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Entries are to be in the church office for persons or groups by Tuesday, July 8.

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## VALERIE WILLIAMS MAKES COMMITMENT TOWARD CHURCH VOCATION

One of our youth, Val Williams, has signed an intention to prepare for a church vocation. This will be recognized as a special part of our worship on Sunday, July 20, during the 10:45 Worship Hour. Val has served as our Indiana C.Y.F. vice-president and secretary in the last two years. She has been faithful with our youth, in worship, and in the camp and conference experiences. We rejoice in this decision which becomes quite public and stand with her in our program for Church Vocation encouragement, and our Church Vocation Scholarship Trust Fund, and our prayers, love, and encouragement.

### WHY I AM CHOOSING A CHURCH VOCATION

*"I spent the majority of my life living for no one but myself. When I accepted Christ into my heart as my Lord and Savior, however, a change came over me; suddenly, 'living for myself' wasn't good enough anymore. I desired to give up my life for another Life which is far greater, more loving, more powerful, and more fulfilling than my own. I decided to give up my life to Him who lost His Life for me. This deep need which I felt, and which I now feel within myself to serve Christ to my fullest capacity is the main reason why I have chosen to study and devote my life to the Christian ministry.*

*One of the main aspects that I see in Christian ministry is the never-ending contact with people. I've always enjoyed being around people and since I became a Christian, the Lord has helped me to use this love for people to witness for Him. He has allowed me to go*

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SERVING JULY 13ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
Charles Ludwig  
10:45 A.M. Merle Rice and  
Robert Rayl

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Hetrick, J. Olson,  
R. Petty, W. Bowen  
10:45 A.M. D. Short, J. Taylor,  
T. Frappier, K. Place, M. Fink-  
housen, K. Taylor, S. Rayl, R.  
Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
J. Stucky  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Frappier,  
M. Byers, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Ruth Yentes-SW  
Delores Keebortz-NW

10:45 A.M. Susan Knuckles-NW  
Edna Nordblom-SW, Susan Thomp-  
son-SE, Amelia Dare-SW

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Ann and Cathy Lee  
10:45 A.M. Nancy and Anne  
Frappier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Norma Andrew & Rosemary Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dick & Susan Thompson, Peg  
Buskirk

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Andrew Crowe - Dennis Andrew  
Harold Crowder - Rocky Baugher

IN HOSPITALSPARKVIEW

430 - Gerald Elser, Sr.

ST. JOSEPH

661 - Randy Markley

THANK YOU

Thanks to all Christian  
friends for the cards and kind-  
ness shown during the recent  
loss of my brother, Dempsey Wea-  
ver.  
Sadie Kattas

WEDDING INVITATION

The congregation has been in-  
vited to attend the wedding of  
Patricia Marie Smith to Robert Ed-  
win Kenyon on Saturday, July 19 at  
7:00 P.M. with a reception to fol-  
low.

ADDITIONAL CAMP STAFF

By error, the name of Marlene  
Crouse was omitted from the list  
of adults serving on the staff of  
the Camp 5-6 at Barbee the week  
of July 14-19. Marlene will ser-  
ve as camp nurse and assistant  
counselor.

WAGON WHEEL THEATER PARTY

This is the final call for re-  
servations for the DMA sponsored  
Wagon Wheel Theater party on  
Thursday, July 26. The bus will  
leave our parking lot at 6:45  
P.M. and return here after the  
play. The play we will see is  
GYPSEY. Transportation will be  
arranged for widows and others  
needing it following the trip.  
Total cost of the bus trip and  
theater ticket is \$6.00. Reser-  
vations must be into the office  
this week. This party is open  
to all over 50.

SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers, love,  
and sympathy to Pauline Horn in  
the death of her father, Mr. Bert  
Watson, in Columbia City last  
Saturday evening.

in several Lay Witness Missions. He granted me the privilege of being a state officer in Christian Youth Fellowship for two years. He helped me to obtain a waitress job where I had the opportunity to witness both to my customers and to my fellow employees. By witnessing I don't necessarily mean voicing my feelings. The Lord's greatest gift to me is my smile, which is also probably my greatest witness to Him. I feel that the ability to smile is a great asset to a minister.

Another reason that I am choosing the ministry for my vocation is that I enjoy working in the business of the church. Besides being a state CYF for two years, I have been involved in other regional, area, and local boards and committees. I am proud to say that Area I is sending me as a voting delegate to our Regional Assembly this summer. I was a voting delegate to our Regional Assembly last fall. By allowing me to be involved in all of these things, the Lord is helping me to better understand the structure and work of the church.

I realize that there are many aspects of Christian ministry, and I am not sure yet exactly what I will be doing. I trust that the Lord will take my life and place it in the type of ministry where I will be the most effective witness for Him."

Valerie Williams  
April 18, 1975

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## JULY FAMILY CAMP OUT

The July Family Camp Out will be held Friday evening through Sunday, July 18-20, at Forrest Ridge Camp Ground. The Ben Taylor Family is in charge of arrangements. Steve Doles, our summer intern, will assume staff responsibility for this event. Families planning to go are asked to make reservations with the Ben Taylors (447-2880) or through the Church Office by next Sunday, July 13. Bring your  
(continued next column)

own food, camping equipment, sleeping gear, etc. To reach Forrest Ridge, go west on U.S. 30 to Rt. 5. Turn right on 5 to old Rt. 30 (Lincoln Highway). Turn left on Lincoln Highway to the sign directing you to Forrest Ridge. This is on the right side of the road. Reservations are necessary, in order that all camp sites may be together.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JULY 12

9:00 P.M. Faith at Work  
McNamee's hosting at  
Gardenview North Apart-  
ments Clubhouse

### SUNDAY, JULY 13

8:15 A.M. Meditative Wor-  
ship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

6:30 P.M. Board of Diacon-  
ate Meeting

8:00 P.M. Celebration  
Worship

### TUESDAY, JULY 15

5:30 P.M. CYF

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

9:30 A.M. Vacation Venture  
Series

7:00 P.M. Family Movie  
featuring "Littlest Out-  
law" and "Jackwabbit and  
the Beanstalk"

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

7:00 P.M. Swing Choir

### FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,

JULY 18, 19, & 20

Church Family Camp Out

## VACATION VENTURE SERIES

Our new Vacation Venture Series is in full swing. So far, we have made a trip to the zoo, had two days of classroom sessions on an age level basis, and this week a trip to Delmas Young's Bee Farm. Thanks to Lee Baugher, Peg Buskirk, Mrs. Jeffrey Calder, Eunice Conrad, Steve Doles, Karen Flickinger, Betty Grimm, Ramona Ketner, Mrs. Alan Klopenstein, Rosemary Krull, Tana Harter, Pat and Bernie Norman, Nila Schilling, Becky Stucky, Val Taylor, Nancy Terry, and Miriam Bixenman. The program continues this week with the movie, "The Littlest Outlaw" and a cartoon, "Jack Wabbit and the Beanstalk." Program hours are each Wednesday, from 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

On Wednesday evening, July 16, the movie, "The Littlest Outlaw", plus the cartoon, "Jackwabbit and the Beanstalk" will be shown for families in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00 P.M. These movies are shown in an attempt to provide good entertainment suitable for the entire family. "The Littlest Outlaw" is an appealing story of the love of a lad for his horse. When the horse is mistreated, the lad runs away, taking the horse with him, thus becoming the littlest outlaw. The movie is the story of their adventure and return. Donation is 25¢ for children under 12 and 50¢ for adults.

PANTRY NEEDS

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MEAT, VEGETABLES & FRUIT.....



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Volume XXXIII July 17 No. 28 SUNDAY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, JULY 17

8:00 P.M. Swing Choir

### FRIDAY, JULY 18

Church Family Camp Out

Forest Ridge

### SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:00 A.M. Water Polo Practice

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

9:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

10:30 A.M. Church School

11:45 A.M. Divine Worship

2:00 P.M. CYF Variety Show

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, JULY 21

8:45 P.M. Water Polo - Swinney I

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

8:30 P.M. C.Y.F.

9:00 P.M. Bell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

8:30 P.M. College Group

### THURSDAY, JULY 24

8:45 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon

Wheel Playhouse

9:00 P.M. Swing Choir

## COUNTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK

CRACKERS

CANNED VEGETABLES

## 8:15 A.M. MEDITATIVE WORSHIP

Singing of favorite hymns-Sermon  
"GOD'S PRESENCE AMID TROUBLE" Isaiah  
44:6-8; Romans 8:26,27; Matthew 13:  
24-30 - A quiet & refreshing wor-  
ship to start the day.

## 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

A special Recognition and Com-  
mitment service for Val Williams in  
her commitment toward a Church Vo-  
cation. Sing time will feature  
contemporary songs with Steve Doles  
& Steve Hall on the guitars. Ser-  
mon: "HEEDING GOD'S CALL" - Isaiah  
6:1-8; Ephesians 4:11-16.

## 8:00 P.M. CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Singing contemporary songs led  
by Steve Doles. Interaction on Acts  
2:42-47 - TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY.  
Sharing-Praying-Communing-Affirming

## SATURDAY EVENING CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

Our Church Camp Out will worship  
and commune on Saturday Evening at  
Forest Ridge at 9:00 P.M.

DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES GIVE POSSI-  
BILITIES FOR EACH TO WORSHIP

SERVING JULY 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker  
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Jim Ruble  
Bob Hendricks

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, J. Olson,  
M. Terry, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, S. Hayes,  
R. Johnson, S. Rayl, D. Andrew,  
D. Markley, J. Wiley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
G. Ludwig, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook,  
M. Finkhousen, H. Stevenson,  
R. Baugher

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW  
S. Thompson-NW

10:45 A.M. L. Baugher-NW,  
R. Krull-SW, M. Lehman-SE,  
M. Cook-SW.

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Norma Andrew and Rosemary Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Merle Grimm Family

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

558 - Mrs. Cecile Chevalier

M-111 - Mrs. Anna Taylor

ST. JOSEPH:

605 - Mr. Robert Craig

PARKVIEW:

430 - Mrs. Gerald Elser

610 - Mrs. Helen Sherrin

TIMOTHY ELECTED OFFICER

Ed Allen, our Timothy who will complete basic seminary work at Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University next Spring, has been named president of the Interseminary Movement for the Southeast.

GREETINGS FROM OPAL HELLER

Mrs. Heller wrote the church and indicated that she cannot write to all who have written her. She appreciated both visits and notes from her friends here as she lives in our Emily Flinn Home, 615 W. 12th, Marion, Indiana, 46952.

IN CONFERENCE IN ILLINOIS

Ruby Cline is a leader and Eunice Conrad is a participant this weekend in a Lay Witness and Coordinators Conference sponsored by our Illinois and Wisconsin Disciple Churches this weekend. Ruby is also speaking on Lay Witnessing for a Pastor's Conference on July 25 at Huntington. Pray for these going out to others.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Charles Stewart Blain and Barbara Arline Schrock on 7/10/75. They and the girls are residing at 112 Owens, Smithville, Missouri, 64089 - Phone 816-532-0738.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Carole Lee and Family in the death of her father, William Parks in Florida on 7/12/75.

JOIN THE GOOD START OF NEW CHURCH  
YEAR IN WORSHIP AND GIVING

7/6 - 219 - \$2,922.81

7/13 - 314 - \$1,997.64

## VARIETY SHOW - 5:00 P.M.

This Sunday is the day for our CYF Sponsored Variety Show. We are looking for a good time with a variety of talents along with plenty of food for a light supper and refreshments at a small cost. Marv Crouse will be our Emcee for the evening, and the show will open with our C.Y.F. will feature such people as Homer Stevenson, Scott Rayl and Ingrid Von chler, Steve Hall, The Gospel Seekers, and others. Some acts will be funny, some serious and some with a message.

We invite the congregation to come as you are for a couple of hours of entertainment. There is no admission fee; however, a free-will offering will be collected for the C.Y.F. for their trip to San Antonio. The bib nursery will be available and supervised for the evening. We'll be looking for you to join us in the fun.

### COLLEGE GROUP

We now have an active group getting under way for our college age people. They are meeting at 9:30 on Sunday morning in room 331 (The 8th and 10th grade room) and at 9:30 on Wednesday Evening at the church, where they usually then travel to someone's home, a park, or some social event. We are excited about the good times that this group is having and we invite everyone in this age group to join in the fellowship.

### C.Y.F. WATER POLO

Our C.Y.F. has been having fun with their recently organized water polo team (FCC Polo Bears). Any people age 13-18 are invited to participate on the team and everyone is invited to attend the games. The team practices on Sat. mornings and the games are on Mon. nights at McMillan Park.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The officers, chairmen & chairwomen, and elected representatives are needed at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 22. Concerns will include the annual information for the Year Book, the final results of the Commitment Effort, action concerning Fall Property Improvement Fund Drive, and schedule of Outreach Support for the current year.

### CHURCH CAMP OUT

The Camp Out at Forest Ridge this weekend includes the Ben Taylor, Bobbie Pauley, and Jim Stucky families and the new College & Careers Group. The Ben Taylors are leaders and Steve Doles is giving staff leadership. If there are last minute questions, contact these persons.



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

Praise God for the richest fulfillment which is ours in Jesus Christ!

I thank all for prayers offered in my behalf when I learned I was to preach morning and evening on July 6th at the Chapel of Living Waters on Martin Lake in Alabama. I sensed the working of God and the confidence of God and you as a channel for God. Then it was good to return to a letter which had a tremendous thank you for Steve Harter, Gayle Smith, and Steve Doles "for their messages, enthusiasm, and very genuine caring! They are an inspiration and most worthwhile additions to America and the Kingdom of God!" (Copies of Bicentennial Broadside which were used on the 6th are still for pick-up).

Thursday evening was something different as the wedding of Stew Blain and Barb Schrock represented a Christian experience fitting for their acquaintance and lifestyles. Barb has been a very loyal and active participant with us for several years. The shared communion, Christians symbols on wedding bands, and shared prayer with laying on of hands seemed very appropriate.

Sunday worship was a real delight. The Fivecoate triplets blended in a soft and meaningful message both hours. Our new Men's Chorus of 12 voices brought a spontaneous round of applause as men's voices gripped people. Our Celebration Worship warmed up in singing along with Steve Doles and Steve Hall. The positive attitude and response of people in many ways was a thrill. It is also good when July worship is above the preceding year's average.

A treat was the presence of Al and Mary Doles, the parents of our Summer Intern Steve Doles. Their warm radiance seemed a natural base for what we have experienced in Steve. I want to publicly affirm Steve for the spark which he has added especially to our CYF, the new college group, and singing of contemporary music. His commitment to Jesus and his desire to serve is apparent. We thank Dean and Elsie Widler, who are now hosting Steve, and George and Virginia Bruckman, who hosted him for several weeks.

Thanks to those who have given these past two weeks! We have started our new year with Proposed Ministries needing \$2,102.44 in weekly giving. We have averaged \$2,460.22 for the first two weeks. We can achieve our expectations and goals if we will be faithful! Let's keep ahead of the game!

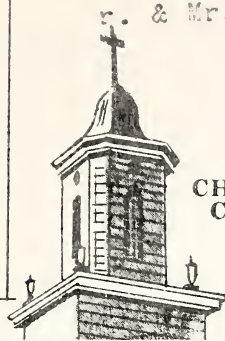
Finally, I rejoice in the sentiments of a young adult who commented that First Christian seems loose, alive, and compatible. I believe the Spirit of God is at work among us -- Let us open to Jesus so that this Spirit can give us his gift and power for daily living and community life.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! See you Sunday!

*Harold E. Cline*

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## SEEING FOR REAL

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, JULY 24

6:45 P.M. DMA to Wagon Wheel  
Playhouse

7:00 P.M. Swing Choir

#### FRIDAY, JULY 26

10:00 P.M. Water Polo Practice

8:00 P.M. Young Couples Picnic  
at Salamonie Park

#### SATURDAY, JULY 27

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### SUNDAY, JULY 28

6:45 P.M. Water Polo - Swinney II

#### TUESDAY, JULY 29

6:30 P.M. CYF

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

6:30 College Group

#### COUNTRY NEEDS:

SIMILAC

BABY FOOD

POWDERED MILK

CANNED FRUIT

## RIGHT ON !

### WORSHIP

219

314

333

### GIVING

\$2,922.81

\$1,997.64

\$2,353.25

The statistical data of our congregation for the past church year shows the greatest excellence in support for the mission of the church. A total of \$32,747.80 was expanded for others beyond local program. This was only excelled once before and that was due to the Centennial Loan of \$15,000 for the Flinn Gift in 1972. Our Outreach that year totaled \$38,912.92 including the borrowed funds. In the past year, \$59.19 was shared by each participating member for mission, education, and benevolence beyond our walls.

We ended the church year with 554 Participating Members and 324 Non-Participating members. Our Worship average dipped to 306 and our Church School to 141. The church was out of debt as of June 30.

Our total income of the church and its sub-groups was \$129,792.54. This is a new high, though not a major jump.

The major giving for others included: Budget giving: \$16,459; Transitory Giving \$6,000; Memorial Funds: \$2,643; Appeal Support: \$3,653; and CWF: \$4,154.

Thanks to all those who enabled the church during 1974-75.



SERVING JULY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Steve Harter  
Bill Schilling

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice  
Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, C. Cline,  
W. Bowen, D. Allen

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Short,  
J. Taylor, R. Wortley, K. Taylor,  
M. Finkhousen, K. Place,  
M. Crouse,

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Baugher,  
H. Stevenson, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Yentes-SW,  
C. Lee-NW

10:45 A.M. L. Baugher-NW,  
D. Merriman-SW, S. Knuckles-SE,  
A. Dare NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson  
Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Brenna Ruble  
Lorinda Ruble

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Glenn Miller - Marvin Crouse

Bill Franklin - Don Short

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Edna Nordbloom and Carole Lee

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Margaret and Bill Love

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M-103 - Mrs. Deanna Crist  
475 - Mr. William Caldwell

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Patrice Stucker, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stucker, 8924 Hemphill Rd. 46819, 747-6504, identified with us in a transfer of membership and rededication of life to Christ during Celebration Worship on Sunday Evening. She comes from the Chatham Baptist Church in Chatham, Illinois. Patrice recently graduated from Wayne High School and will enter Purdue University at Lafayette this fall to study pre-Veterinary medicine. She has become active in CYF this last year and is now also in our College group. She has a sister, Necia, and a brother, Randy.

CORRECTION:

The article on Ed Allen last week should have listed him as President of the Interseminary movement of the Southwest rather than the Southeast.

GREEN PARAMENTS FOR NAVE:

The new Communion Table Runner and the scarves for the Pulpit and Lacturn are gifts in memory of Mrs. Edna Bowen. All memorial gifts for her were held for this purpose and her husband and son completed paying for this Memorial Gift.

MEMORIAL GIFT OF STOCK

The Church has been the recipient of a gift of stock shares of Midwestern United Life Insurance Company in memory of Albert and Anna Egly by action of the son, Richard S. Egly.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Ron Flickinger & Family in the death of his paternal grandmother last week.



#### WEDDING BY PASTOR

Robert Edwin Kenyon and Patricia Marie Smith on 7/19/75. They are residing at 1335 Fayette St., 16, 447-4630. We thank them for leaving their wedding flowers for our Sunday morning worship!

#### VISITORS EXPECTED

Doyle and April Hardy who were with us while Doyle was our Student Associate Pastor in 1973-4 are planning to visit Celebration worship this Sunday night the 7th.

#### THANKS TO CONGREGATION

The Family of David S. Vesey wish to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for your kind expression of sympathy.

#### YOUNG COUPLES CLASS PICNIC

The Young Couples Class is having a picnic, Saturday, July 26, 2:00 P.M. at Salamonie Park. Contact Tom and Sue Knuckles or Joe & Linda Wiley if you have any questions.

#### WORD OF THANKS

In a letter last week, Al & Mary Doles expressed appreciation for the people and the church for making this marvelous summer experience possible for Steve. This thanks includes a wide circle including the many who have underwritten this program financially in the Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund. The bequests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz and Verna Sullivan gave the initial funding.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Our Water Polo Team defeated Winney II Mon. night 8-0!!!!

#### SUMMERTIME VENTURE SERIES

Following a day studying Bicycle Safety and Community Helpers and enjoying crafts last Wednesday, we will be returning to two Wednesday mornings of classroom study sessions on July 30 and August 6. Children in the Nursery Class will be studying under the theme "I Can Choose"; Kindergarten boys and girls will use the theme, "God's World"; first and second grades, "My Place in God's World"; and children third grade through fifth will study under the theme, "Handle With Care". Sessions are 9:30 - 11:30 each Wednesday and children ages three years (as of last January) through those who finished fifth grade last spring are invited whether or not they enrolled on previous weeks. To date we have had a total of 54 in our program at some time this summer.

#### VARIETY SHOW

If you missed the Variety Show last Sunday night you missed out on a good time and good entertainment. It was interesting to see a different side of some of you familiar friends. We would like to thank our CYF for organizing the show and especially all the people who gave their time and talent to make it a successful evening. The CYF expresses their appreciation for the offering which was received.

#### ADDITIONAL CONFEREES:

Necia Stucker is attending Conference 9 & 10 next week, July 27-August 2 at Camp Barbee. We have 4 staff and 11 conferees for this week!

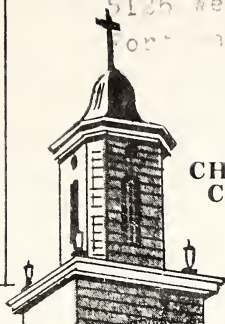
# "THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR MISSION."

BASIC MISSION FINANCE OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH OUTREACH Christian Church Outreach providing operating funds for Mission, Benevolent Homes, Colleges & Seminaries, Regional and General Work	\$11,469.67
CAPITAL PROGRAMS OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH OUTREACH We completed our goal for the Indiana Appeal for Re- sponse in faith for Mission equipment and to clear the Indiana debt for new church and other capital expenditures	\$ 8,053.88
ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF ALLEN COUNTY Weekday Christian Education and other local programs of working with fellow Christians where we are.	\$ 3,530.26
CHURCH VOCATION PROGRAM of scholarships, Intern, and Student Associate	\$ 2,643.04
WEEK OF COMPASSION and related humanitarian programs for the needs of our world	\$ 2,459.27
RECONCILIATION - Ministries of Healing in our community, region, nation	\$ 1,907.67
PANTRY purchases of food for our Emergency Food Program	\$ 1,156.69
ECUMENICAL CAUSES including American Bible Society, World Literacy and Church Councils	\$ 500.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY AT Ind. Un. & Purdue Un. at Fort Wayne	\$ 360.00
HELPING HAND support given through Pastor's Fund for Needs	\$ 139.00
KOREAN ORPHAN supported by a church school class	\$ 125.00
MISCELLANEOUS including Radio Broadcast, Scout Camp Chaplain, Graham Films, Switchboard, and other local programs	\$ 443.00
OUR TOTAL CHURCH SHARING IN THE MINISTRIES OF JESUS FOR OTHERS	\$32,787.80

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## FAMILY CAMP OUT

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY, JULY 31

8:00 P.M. Swing Choir

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

8:00 P.M. Farewell Party for  
Dorothy Ikenberry

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 P.M. Water Polo - Trinity

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 P.M. CYF - Pre-Assembly  
Meeting

8:00 P.M. Bell Choir

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 6

8:30 P.M. College Group

The August Family Camp Out will be Friday through Sunday, August 8-10, at Salamonie State Park. Reservations are a must, since Salamonie will reserve camp sites together if they are reserved with a name for each camp site reserved one week in advance. Therefore, it is essential that all families or groups planning to go notify Miriam Bixenman no later than noon this Sunday, August 3. The cost is \$3.12 per night per site. Swimming, boating, and hiking are available. Each family is asked to provide their own food, which may be shared pot luck fashion for one of the meals. To reach the camping area, take route 24 to Huntington, routes 9 & 37 south from Huntington to route 124. Take this west until you see the signs. The camping area is "Lost Bridge West". Worship for our group will be 8:00 on Saturday Evening.

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

SUGAR  
CANNED FRUIT  
POWDERED MILK

### MONTHLY AVERAGES:

Worship	295
Church School	120
Support Giving	\$2301.18

### SERMON OF DR. CLINE FOR AUGUST 3

"RESPONDING TO GOD'S GENEROSITY"  
Isaiah 55:1-5; Romans 8:31-39;  
Matthew 14:13-21.



## SERVING AUGUST 3

### ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm  
Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. William Love  
Mark Snyder

### DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, B. Lehman,  
D. Keebortz, S. Schell

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, J. Wiley,  
E. Nordbloom, M. Lehman, R. Johnson,  
W. Bowen, E. Place, R. Krull

### USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
G. Ludwig, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. M. Finkhousen,  
H. Stevenson, A. Cook, J. Frappier

### GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
R. Baugher-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW,  
K. Banet-NE, M. Cook-SW,  
M. Lehman-SE

### ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bruce Grimm  
Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Michele Reeves  
Mai Pauley

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rocky and Lee Baugher

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Don and Gary Loveless

Don Taylor Family

## IN HOSPITALS

### MARKVIEW

514 - Claire Schryver

226 - Helen Williams

438 - Nadine Elser

### ST. JOSEPH

362 - Jack Sauerwein

### LUTHERAN

415 - Bruce Lehman

475 - Bill Caldwell

## FRIENDLY CLASS TO HAVE PARTY

The Friendly Class will have a luncheon party at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette, at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, August 5. Meat, rolls, and beverage will be provided. Members are asked to bring covered dishes of salads, vegetables, or deserts. An afternoon of fun and fellowship is planned. If you need a ride, call Miriam Bixenman or Irene Kissinger.

## THE SCRIPTURES ON RECORD

Our library has received the records which contain the entire Bible. These were placed in the library by our CWF from their regular library budget for 1974-75 year. These records are available to any group or individual for a one week loan period. They are beautifully done and can provide real listening joy and inspiration. The records are 33 1/3 RPM.

## JUNIOR CHOIR DAY CAMP

The Tri State Choristers Guild of Fort Wayne is sponsoring a Day Camp for children in grades 3-7 (entering this fall). The camp is to be held the week of August 18-22, from 9:30 - 2:00, at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 405 W. Wayne. Cost is just \$1.00 per child, for a week filled with learning, activity and fun. Activities include new anthems, musicals, crafts, hymn writing, hymn studies, field trips, interpretive movement, and much, much more! We hope to have at least a dozen children enrolled. See Miriam Bixenman for registration forms. Registrations are needed by this Sunday, August 3.

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - JULY 22, 1975

Reports enabled the Board to have a rather comprehensive view of the church at now. June giving was up and allowed the operating fund to be only \$3,29 in the red as of June 30. June saw the opening of the Property Improvement fund and an accumulation of \$3,055. Year Book report figures are shared similar as to the last issues of TIDINGS. A challenge was given to the elders and membership committee in regard to the listing of non-participating members as of June 30. The analysis of our recent commitment program showed an anticipated income of \$104,869.26 against the cost of Proposed Ministries at \$109,327.00. The gradual increase in worship attendance through last year gave hope for the future even though the yearly average was down. The July giving for the first three weeks has averaged 10 weekly above last year and was appreciated.

Board adopted a printed schedule of Outreach Support payments for 1975- which coincide with the allotted figures in the Proposed Ministries. Checks will be mailed in each of the 52 weeks as long as giving allows.  
THE MONTHLY SCHEDULE INCLUDED:

- First Sunday - \$250 to Associated Churches of Allen County
- Second Sunday - \$250 to Christian Church Outreach - \$125 for week of Compassion & \$125 for Reconciliation
- Third Sunday - \$1,000 to Christain Church Outreach for Basic Mission Finance of mission, education, benevolence, service.
- Fourth Sunday - \$50 to \$200 monthly for local programs & Ecumenical Causes
- Fifth Sunday of each Quarter - \$750 Capital Needs of Outreach Agencies of the Stewardship Finance Committee.

Recommendation and giving an answer to the method for the building fund report approved by the Board and Congregation in June, the Board voted unanimously "That we invite the Board of Church Extension of Disciples to assist to provide guest leadership for a Building Fund Campaign in our church, it being understood and agreed that the Church Extension Campaign will be followed faithfully, with enthusiasm and in detail. It is further agreed that the announced goal will be one receiving the approval of a guest leader."

Mark Weicker, Moderator, after discussion of the Regional Resolution on Focus on Evangelistic Witness" charged all committees to study the resolution and bring recommendations from their perspective committees to the next meeting on Sept. 2.

Motion authorizing sand slurry and a final seal before painting the parking lines was approved for the Parking Lot. This will complete and put our lot in the best possible shape at this time. (Continued on page 4)

## ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Continued from page 3)

In harmony with the Regional goal of increasing Participating membership 1 for every 14 current members, the Board adopted the following goals for publication and stimulus for our congregation in 1975-76.

Worship Average from current 306 to	328
Church School Average from current 141 to	151
Participating Membership for current 554 to	594 by June 30, 1976

Present were 23 of 32 members and 3 guests.

### FUNERAL BY PASTOR

*William Pattengale* in Warsaw on 7/28/75. He was a member of the disbanded Southview Christian Church of Warsaw and the father of *Al Pattengale*. Sympathy is extended to the widow and family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to *Ross and Emmalou Mierman*, former members here, now residing in Loveland, Colorado, on the birth of a baby girl, *Sherri Marie*, on July 17. Congratulations, too, to older brothers *Bruce and Brian*.

### PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

Progressive Class will have a party, Sat. Aug 9 at Lakeside Park Pavilion. The picnic will begin at 5:30 and games & social hour at 4:00. Bring picnic baskets and service with a favorite drink.

### FAREWELL PICNIC

The Gospel Seekers Class is holding a farewell picnic in honor of *Dorothy Ikenberry* at 1:00 P.M., Sunday, August 3 at the Cline home, 5705 Fernwood. This is for the class and friends of Dorothy. Bring covered dishes appropriate for family number and table service. If planning to attend call Bea Rice, 672-2748.

### WHEN GOING TO THE HOSPITAL

If you are entering the hospital, please call the church office. Because of a new confused system, we missed two of our people at Parkview last week. Most of the time the hospitals are good about calling and recording this information, but slips happen regularly. It is impossible to call on our people in the hospitals when we do not know of their entry.

### FAITH AT WORK RETREAT

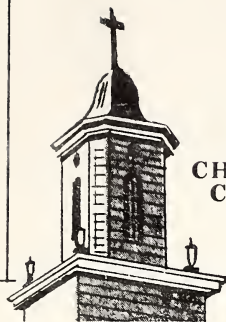
A rare opportunity for relationship and growth is coming on October 3 & 4. Ralph Osborne, National Executive Director of Faith at Work is coordinating a retreat to be held at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:30 P.M. Saturday. Each participant may share in 2 of 20 workshops designed for growth or ministry. Registration is \$7.50 which includes two Saturday meals. You may register early by using forms which are available in the church office. First Christian should have at least 50 participating in this rich opportunity at our doorstep.



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Church Family Camp Out  
Salamonie Park

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
6:30 P.M. Pre-Assembly Meeting  
for Congregation

8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

5:30 P.M. CYF  
7:00 P.M. Bell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

6:30 P.M. College Age Group

### CHURCH NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT  
CANNED MEAT  
LARGE GROCERY SACKS

### SUNDAY WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Sermon: "Faith Enabling Courage"

I Kings 19:9-18; Matthew 14:22-33

Violin Solo: Margo Parlette will  
play at both the 8:15 and 10:45  
Worship Hours

Songfest to Learn New Songs during  
Celebration Worship led by Sara  
Davis & Steve Doles & others.

An opening meeting in preparation for the coming General Assembly will be held this Sunday at 6:30 P.M. in the Parlor. Past Voting Delegates and all participants this year will share in a special way. Members of the congregation are invited to share viewpoints and concerns related to the business docket. This is an open discussion type meeting to prepare our congregation for this event which is August 15-20 in San Antonio, Texas.

First Christian will have its largest contingency ever in one of our General Assemblies. The congregational voting delegates elected were Ruby Cline and Nancy Wortley. Chad Cline is a voting delegate as Regional CYF President, Val Williams is a voting delegate of Area I of Indiana, Miriam Bixenman and Harold Cline have voting privileges as ordained ministers. Other youth attending include: Melanie Baugher, Carol Cline, Robbie Pauley, Schellie Schell, Dawn Schrock, Akira Suzuki, and Diana Wortley. All but the Clines are going on the Indiana Youth Bus Trip of 176 persons

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SERVING AUGUST 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Andy Crowe  
Harold Crowder

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller  
Bill Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher,  
D. Keebortz, B. Lehman,  
S. Schell

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, J. Wiley,  
E. Nordbloom, M. Lehman, R. Johnson,  
W. Bowen, E. Place, R. Krull

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, J. Olson,  
G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Frappier,  
M. Finkhousen, H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
R. Baugher-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW,  
M. Cook-NE, K. Banet-SW,  
M. Lehman-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Anne Lee, Kathy Lee  
10:45 A.M. John Wortley, Eric  
Jenkins

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rocky and Lee Baugher

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Barb and Mel Eusse

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW

438 - Mrs. Nadine Elser  
514 - Mrs. Clair Schryver

LUTHERAN

475 - Mr. William Caldwell

OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman  
Aultman Hospital Room 626  
2600 Clarendon Ave. SW, Canton, Oh.  
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SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Cecil and Hugh Rice and families in the death of their sister, Clara Rice, on 7/30 in Indianapolis.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS PARTY

Progressive Class will have a party, Sat. Aug. 9 at Lakeside Park Pavilion. The picnic will begin at 5:30 and games & social hour at 4:00. Bring picnic baskets and service with a favorite drink.

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS (CUC)

The Christians-Under-Construction Class will have a pitch-in picnic on Saturday, August 23rd at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood. Swimming and games will begin at 4:00 P.M. with the meal at 6:00 followed by a song fest.

COMING DATES

Evangelism Committee - 7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday, August 12

D.M.A. Day at the Cline's -  
Pitch-in meal at 12:00 noon on Tues.  
August 26 at the Cline home, 5705 Fernwood.

Elders -- 7:30 P.M., Tuesday,  
August 26,

Board of Trustees - 7:30 P.M.,  
Tuesday, September 1.

Chancel Choir - First Fall Rehearsal on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 7:30 P.M.

PEOPLE WANTED !!!

	8/3	Av. 75-6	Goal 75-6
Worship	286	293	328
Ch. Sch.	127	121	151
Support			
Giving	\$2231.47	\$287.23	\$2102.44



## FAMILY CAMP OUT

Those participating in the family Camp Out this week and at Salmonie State Park include: The College and Career Group as a family; Joyce, Clint, and Andy Crowe; the Tom Knuckles family; the Bobbie Pauley family and their Japanese student guest; the Ben Taylor family, Jim and Becky Stucky, Peg Buskirk, Pat and Jeannie Norman; and Miriam Bixenman as a staff person. Others are invited to come join us for worship at 8:00 on Saturday Evening.

## FAMILY MOVIE

In Wednesday, August 13, we will be showing the film, Perri with narration by the author of Bambi, in our Fellowship Hall at both 9:30 a.m. in connection with our weekly summer Venture Series for children, and again at 7:30 p.m. for families. Donation is 25¢ for children and 50¢ for adults. The cartoon, Robinhood Makes Good, will be a part of the showing. Those who have not been previously involved in the summer program are most welcome at either showing.

*Dear Brethren in Christ:*

I write with a heavy heart because of an incident which happened overnight when a window pane was broken to unlock the whole window, then the window was broken out of an office door, the target was the stereo equipment of Steve Bixenman, our Summer Intern. Equipment worth more than \$1,000 was taken from our building between 10:00 P.M. Sunday night and 8:00 A.M., Monday morning.

All usual night lights were on, but someone seemed to be determined to get the equipment. I would sure appreciate it if the equipment were returned!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY (Cont. from pg. 1)  
Dr. and Mrs. Cline are flying early to have an open day and to attend the National Evangelistic Association Meetings.

Share in the Discussion this Sunday at 6:30 P.M. !!

## REGIONAL CAMPING EVENT

The first statewide family camp out will be held at Barbee Christian Camp over Labor Day Weekend. Sites are available for tents, campers with or without electricity and limited space for families in cabins and the big house. The camp ground will be open from 1:00 P.M. Friday with the actual event beginning at 8:00 P.M. and continuing through until 1:00 P.M. on Monday. Activities are planned for all age groups. Cost is \$6.00 per site for those without electricity, \$7.50 for those with electricity for the full event, and \$6.00 per person in cabins or house, with no family paying more than \$10.50. Program costs are \$3.00 per person for the full event, with no family paying more than \$10.00. Registration deadline is August 18. See Miriam Bixenman for full details and registration forms.

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There is something sad when people resort to robbing in the church building. It shows a total lack of respect for God and for the greatest force working for the lifting of persons in our society. It abuses people who are willing to give themselves sacrificially and caringly for others. It causes some Christians to tense up and withhold the church from serving its role in the community and world.

Perhaps the greatest witness this incident makes is that we have a needy world for truth and love. There is no integrity of possession with stolen goods. There is no integrity of money which is gained from the sale of stolen goods. There is no holding up of persons in love when rightful property is taken by deceit and destructiveness. Even self-love becomes marred because of a guilty conscience. The message of Christ which seeks to bring truth and love into the lifestyle of each person is sorely needed.

We hurt with Steve in his loss as we try to recover the stolen items or try to seek insurance compensation if the latter is possible. We hurt for the sick person or persons who made this a target of their corruption and abuse of Life!

My anguish in this matter is heightened by my extreme positive feelings for the work of Steve as our Summer Intern. He did a great job last week in leading music in Conference 9-10 at Barbee. He is sensitive and communicative with youth. His great gifts were commonly appreciated by youth and counselors alike. His enthusiasm and glow have meant much to many among us here at First Christian. He has been sparking much among our Senior High and College youth. He is faithful in work and responsibilities. Steve, we think that God has much in store to be done through your life!

Steve will be giving complete leadership to our worship experiences on Sunday, August 17th, while Miriam and I are in San Antonio. He will be bringing a message which includes his own sense of renewed and vital life in Christ and what this means to him.

During his last years in high school, Steve gave much time and leadership to a quartet. They have a commercial stereo album, "THE AMBASSADORS --- With God's Love". The song "With God's Love" was written by Steve. Copies of this album are available from him for \$3.00.

SEE YOU SUNDAY IN WORSHIP! Pray for me and others of our people!

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## GREETINGS IN OUR LORD !!

I desire to share some of my joy and excitement with you. There is a sense of fulfillment and expectation in our congregation right now! God is at work in so many ways and many doors of opportunity are opening up.

Next SUNDAY AT FIRST CHRISTIAN our Summer Intern, Steve Doles, is going to share his life and faith both worship hours on Sunday morning. He has entitled it "GOD'S MAGNETIC LOVE" and has chosen these Scriptural verses, Psalms 37:1-11; Ephesians 3:14-19; and Revelation 2:2-5. He will also lead Celebration Worship at 8:00 in the evening. He has shown so much promise this summer that we have a great confidence in his leading this Sunday. It will be a big and new day in his life. My only regret is that I will be in Texas.

Our GENERAL ASSEMBLY in San Antonio begins on Friday night. Ruby and I fly on Wednesday and will be sharing in the National Evangelistic Association sessions on Thursday and Friday. We rejoice that First Christian has 4 adults and 9 youth to share this biennial gathering of our disciple Congregations in US and Canada. In my absence, Steve will carry the basic pastoral and Sunday load. If a funeral arises, arrangements have been made for assistance from Olden Mitchell, pastor of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren, and Traverse Chandler, pastor of the Aboite Christian Church. Barbara Love ends her summer work in the office on Friday and Barbara Short will carry needed work next week. We thank Barb for her diligence and spunk this summer.

Our MUSICAL PROGRAM moves into high gear on September 4 with a dinner for all singers, players and families. I am thrilled with the planning accomplished with Sara Davis, Mel Busse, Jerry Zimmerman, and Susan Jones

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SERVING AUGUST 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl

Ben Taylor

10:45 A.M. Andy Crowe

Merle Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, J. Olson,

M. Terry, W. Bowen

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, S. Hayes

J. Wiley, D. Andrew, D. Markley,

D. Short, S. Rayl, J. Taylor

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G. Ludwig, J. Olson

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OPEN HOUSE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

For Japanese Student Guest, Sumiko Hagiwara on Sunday, August 17, from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. with the Robert Hendricks Family, 7714 Kettering -- Just South and East of Tillman and Hessen Cassel. All friends and members of the church are invited!

THANK YOU NOTES

To the Clergy & Members of First Christian Church -- I wish to thank you for your prayers and the many cards and your Christian love during my recent stay in the hospital. I am home now and slowly recuperating.

Sincerely,  
Bill Caldwell

I want to thank you for your cards, prayers, and deep concern for me during my recent hospital stay. This was certainly appreciated.

Yours truly,  
Jack Sauerwein

CHRISTIANS-UNDER-CONSTRUCTION

This young couples group of FCC will have a swim, picnic, and song fest at the Cline home on Saturday, August 23. It all begins at 4:00 at 5705 Fernwood Ave. The pitch-in meal will be at 6:00. Call Gary or Jan Loveless at 447-6869 about any questions or plans.

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK

CANNED MEAT

CANNED FRUIT



## FALL MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

IR KICK-OFF DINNER -- Thursday, September 4 - 6:00 P.M.

All potential singers and families for pitch-in dinner. Share this evening as we discuss plans for the fall, winter, and spring. Make a decision to sing as a part of your life within First Christian Church. We are seeking response concerning the following musical responsibilities:

1. CHANCEL CHOIR -- Rehearses regularly on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. and sings regularly on Sundays. Open to youth and adults.
2. BELL CHOIR -- Rehearses regularly on Thursdays from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M. and plays once each month and special days.
3. CHILDREN'S CHOIR -- Sings and learns music weekly during the Expanded Session period of Worship. Children of grades one through six leave after the Children's Sermonette in worship at 10:45 A.M.
4. MEN'S CHORUS -- Rehearses on first and second Thursday of each month beginning at 8:30 P.M. and sings on a monthly basis, normally third Sunday.
5. SWING CHOIR -- Rehearses on third and fourth Thursdays beginning at 8:30 P.M. and sings normally on first Sunday of each month.
6. SPECIAL MUSIC -- Vocal or instrumental soloists, vocal or instrumental groupings -- We desire to know the willingness of persons to serve in these ways.

Child Care will be provided on Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

We are asking persons to sign up for MUSIC PARTICIPATION NOW.

Sign form this Sunday or call the Church office - 744-3239

## FALL STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

In Spring we had the most positive response ever to a special study in the comic EDGE OF ADVENTURE series designed by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson. We have had many requests for a chance to participate. The series involves sessions of about 1 and ½ hour duration. For those desiring another step ADVENTURE IN DISCIPLESHIP will be offered which puts a focus on daily study, group interaction, and practicing the presence of God in silent meditation.

Sunday, September 7 - 5:30 P.M. - EDGE OF ADVENTURE GROUP to be led by Ruby Cline begins in Room 120

Sunday, September 7 - 5:30 P.M. - ADVENTURE IN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP led by Harold Cline begins in Parlor.

Thursday, September 11 - 7:00 P.M. -- EDGE OF ADVENTURE GROUP led by Harold Cline begins in the Parlor - Child Care provided.

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD ( Continued from page 1 )

as we look forward to the fall months. We have thrilled at special music and singing this summer. Much is in store for the time just ahead. I hope that our children, youth, and adults will find the joy and fulfillment of "making a joyful noise to the Lord". We are asking people to sign up for musical participation so that the leadership can know on whom they can count.

Enlistment is now underway for two EDGE OF ADVENTURE groups for the fall. Last spring we had four groups who found exceptional growth and fulfillment in the particular study. Several have asked when will there be another opportunity. The schedule is announced on page three along with a serious group study and discipline in ADVENTURES IN DISCIPLESHIP.

EVANGELISM is in the wind. Several persons have been talking about serious commitments to Christ and the church. We are anticipating decisions on the part of several among us in the very near future. I look forward to my next Adult Discipleship series beginning on Sept. 7. A special retreat is set for Saturday, September 13, to sharpen the skills and concerns of our people in this area of sharing life and good news of Jesus. We then host a Regional sponsored cluster meeting on Thursday, October 2, beginning with a dinner at 6:30 P.M. EVANGELISM IS the theme of the evening with seven guest leaders holding up the Biblical and practical expressions of this vital concern. I will be working in other cluster groups but will also be spending three days in Kansas City at the end of September in ecumenical and denominational meetings on evangelism.

Last week, we received word that Dr. Wayne Doolen, acting President of the Board of Church Extension, will be our guest leader for our BUILDING FUND DRIVE. He will lead a set-up meeting with us on Tuesday, September 9. The effort moves into a serious pace on September 21 and ends on Sunday, October 19. Mark now Tuesday, October 14th, at 6:30 P.M. which will be the All-Church Dinner. The leadership of this short but intensive effort is now being enlisted by George Bruckman, who is Campaign Chairman, and Jack Weicker, our congregation's moderator.

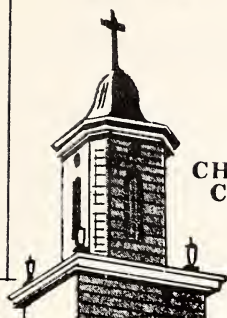
My anticipations for the days ahead are increased by the positive feelings of many expressed about our congregation lately; and so evident in summer worship participation and giving. It is a good time to be alive and active in the fellowship of First Christian right now!

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## FROM OUR SUMMER INTERN . . .

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about my feelings and reactions to First Christian's Summer Intern Program. The reason I wanted this experience was to help me decide what kind of work I want to prepare myself for. For the past three years I have been considering some kind of full time Christian work, but I haven't been sure whether I wanted to work in the church or some other Christian organization. This past summer and this congregation has built up my faith and belief in, and excitement for the church. I have come to believe that the church is the institution which Jesus founded, and through thick and thin it has been the donkey on which He has ridden through the ages. I feel that any glory that we can give to the church is at the same time being given to God, if that church is in tune with God.

I would like to commend First Christian and Dr. Cline for making this great opportunity available to people who are right at the point of making a similar decision in their lives. I really appreciate how Dr. Cline has taken time out to be concerned about and helpful to me. Mrs. Bixenman has also been a big help and a joy to work with. I would also like to mention personal thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Widler and Mr. and Mrs. George Luckman. Both couples have been so good to me in making their homes my home and they have added to the enjoyment of the summer.

I have truly enjoyed my work this summer, it has been a summer of doing just what I want to do. The CYF and College and Career Group have been fun because in both groups I could participate as well as do some leading. I have liked taking part in the Worship Services as well as in Church school. Visiting friends in the hospitals and in homes has been a good

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# SERVING AUGUST 24

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks  
and Steve Harter

10:45 A.M. James Ruble  
and Jack Weicker

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, M. Terry,  
J. Keaborts, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, S.  
Schell, M. Wortley, R. Krull,  
B. Lehman, M. Lehman, W. Bowen,  
P. Nordblom

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.  
Smith, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. Al Coot, M. Pink-  
housen, P. Stevenson

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. J. Keaborts-MW,  
S. Thompson-MW

10:45 A.M. J. Keaborts-MW,  
S. Thompson-MW

## Prayer Leaders

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson  
and Beth Beallling

10:45 A.M. Brenda and Lotinda  
and

## Prayer Preparation

from Merriman, Leslie Tate

## Prayer Committee

Sam Taylor - Homer Stevenson  
Charles Ludwig - Joe Wiley

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Dean and Elsie Widler

## IN HOSPITALS

### St. Joseph

407 - Mary Ann Heiney

### Parkview

514 - Clair Schryver

220 - Nadine Elser

### OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman  
Aultman Hospital - Room 626  
2600 Clarendon, Canton, OH, 44710

# CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

8:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

3:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25

7:30 P.M. Church Scholarship  
Committee Meeting

8:00 P.M. Worship and Pas-  
toral Relations Committee

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

12:00 Noon D.M.A. at the Cline  
Home, 5705 Fernwood

5:30 P.M. C.Y.F.

6:30 P.M. Christian Education  
Policies Meeting

7:30 P.M. Christian Education  
Committee (total group)

7:30 P.M. Elders

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Special thanks for all the  
prayers, cards and visits  
during my stay in the hos-  
pital.

Helen Williams

+ + + + +  
+ PANTRY NEEDS:  
+ Canned Fruit, Canned  
+ Meats, Baby Food  
+  
+ + + + +

## CALLING ALL WOMEN

FALL CWF RETREATS: "From Service to Servant Through Prayer"

Background Reading: LOVE IS THE HEALER - Stella Terrill Mann  
IT'S GREAT TO PRAY - Kathryn Wickey Orse  
A LIFE TO LIVE--A WAY TO PRAY - John B. Coburn  
LET GOD LOVE YOU - Lloyd John Ogilvie

Biblical Preparation: Hebrews 11:6  
Matthew 17:19-21  
Acts 12:1, 2  
Matthew 6:6-12  
Luke 11:1-4

INDIAN LAKE RETREAT: 9:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 9 to 2:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 10

Mrs. Bettie Griffith of Illinois is guest leader - ride down with Ruby Cline -- Register at the church office by turning in \$7.75 for the four meals and overnight (TURN IN BY AUGUST 25)

CAMP BARBEE RETREAT: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. OCTOBER 4

Mary Ellen LaPue is leading this Sunday experience - Turn in \$9.00 to register to our office by September 14.

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## REGIONAL CWF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE TOUR

Scheduled for October 27 to 31 this event includes a tour and service work at the Church World Service Center in Windsor, Maryland, and a day and a half in Washington. A \$25 deposit is needed by September 15. Contact the church office about further information.

## CALLING ALL MEN

MEN'S RETREAT: "Free to Be in Christ"

Barbee Christian Camp - Opening with dinner at 6:30 P.M. on Friday, September 19 and concluding at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, September 20. Registration of \$9 needs to be in the church office by Sunday, September 14. Jim Hollingsworth of the Department of Men's Work is leading this event.

SEE PAGE FOUR FOR ANOTHER GROWTH  
OPPORTUNITY.....

FROM OUR SUMMER INTERN (continued from page one)

experience too. Through this Summer I have also had a peek at some of the problems which naturally arise. I think now I have a more realistic view of what this type of work is like.

It seems that I have always been slow in making big decisions, and the same is true with this one of the ministry. But, this summer has been a big and meaningful step for me and for that I thank the people of First Christian Church and Jesus Christ, our Lord!

*Steve Doles*

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## GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES (FROM PAGE THREE)

### CALLING PEOPLE FOR GROWTH

#### FORT WAYNE FAITH AT WORK RETREAT -

7:00 P.M. Friday, October 3 to 7:30 P.M. Saturday, October 4

Ralph Osborne, Executive Director of Faith at Work is the leader-- Workshops on Growth and Ministry on Saturday. Cost is \$7.50 per person including the two Saturday meals. Register through the church office or with Elsie Widler.

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#### SERMONS REFLECT POLES

The sermon of Dr. Cline for this coming Sunday will reflect the universal dimensions of God while the sermon the following week will point to the personal and particularity of God. Hear these sermons during Sunday morning worship:

AUGUST 24: "OPEN TO GOD'S UNIVERSAL CONCERN" Isaiah 56:1-8; Romans 11:13-16, 29-32; Matthew 25:21-28

AUGUST 31: "RESPONDING PERSONALLY TO GOD" Exodus 6:2-6; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:1-7; Matthew 16:13-28

Acquaint yourself with these Scriptures in preparation.

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#### FOR YOUR PERSONAL MEDITATION

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

God be in my head,  
And in my understanding;

God be in my eyes,  
And in my looking;

God be in my mouth,  
And in my speaking;

God be in my heart,  
And in my thinking;

God be at my end,  
And at my departing.

Sarum Primer, 1558



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 3:00 P.M. Service at Colonial  
Crest Nursing Home
- 8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

LABOR DAY-OFFICE CLOSED

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 6:00 P.M. Choir Kick-off Dinner
- 7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
- 8:30 P.M. Men's Chorus

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Dave &  
Be Bartels, 715 Wolverton Drive.

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED  
MEATS, BABY FOOD.

For the first 7 weeks of this  
church year our support giving  
is ahead of projections. Low  
giving the last two Sundays has  
put us behind. We need an offer-  
ing of \$2,347.49 to be on target  
we round out August.

## THAT YOU MAY KNOW:

- Steve Doles, our summer intern,  
completes his work on the 28th, but  
he might be with us part time this  
winter pending Board action on Sept.  
2.

- Dr. Cline preaches at 8:15 and  
10:45 this Sunday on "RESPONDING  
PERSONALLY TO GOD" - Read Exodus  
6:2-6; Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans  
12:1-7; Matthew 16:13-28.

- A pitch-in meal is planned for  
all musicians and families at 6:00  
P.M. on Thursday, Sept. 4. Enroll  
in definite musical participation  
by using page 4 or one of the bulle-  
tin forms of recent weeks.

- September 7 marks the opening  
of a new Church School semester -  
children will be promoted. Children  
moving into Third Grade will re-  
ceive Bibles from the Church at  
10:45 A.M. that day.

- September 9 at 7:30 P.M. is the  
Orientation meeting for all Build-  
ing Fund Campaign Leaders with D.  
Wayne Doolen, our Guest Director.

- September 13 is the ALL DAY E-  
VANGELISM RETREAT. Register by  
using form on page 4.

- Read materials on south bulle-  
tin board for General Assembly re-  
ports.

SERVING AUGUST 31

Elders

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman  
and Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and  
Bill Schilling

Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, K. Taylor,  
J. Taylor, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, R. Johnson  
T. Frappier, K. Place, B. Lehman,  
W. Bowen, D. Andrew, M. Finkhousen

Ushers

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman, Don  
Smith, John Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, J. Wiley,  
H. Stevenson, T. Frappier, R.  
Chevalier.

Greeters

8:15 A.M. Carole Lee-NW,  
Susan Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW,  
S. Schell-SW, A. Dare-SE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm and  
Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. C. Fountain and  
R. Baugher

Communion Preparation

Dorothy Merriman and Amelia Dare

Coffee Hour Hosts

The Russell Wortley Family

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN

689-Ms. Nellie Buchanan

575-Mrs. Marjorie Copeland

406-Mr. Gary Hall

PARKVIEW

220-Mrs. Nadine Elser

514-Mrs. Clara Schryver

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Marjorie Copeland  
in the death of her 10 year old  
grandson in a tragic accident.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harter, 1607  
Franklin Ave. 46807; Ph. 422-7181  
identified with our congregation  
Sunday. They had been members of  
North Highlands Church of Christ.  
They took this step on their 35th  
Wedding Anniversary. Ross re-  
tired from G. E. four years ago  
after open heart surgery. Betty  
has been employed at Lincoln Life  
Insurance for 19 years. They have  
four married sons. We welcome  
this couple into our community of  
love, faith, and service.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Please notify the church office  
of college address for all going  
out of the city. We desire to  
know the location of all partici-  
pating in college both locally  
and elsewhere. We desire to keep  
in touch but desperately need as-  
sistance with college addresses.

THE SECRET PLACE

This devotional guide for Sep-  
tember through November is now  
available in the entry way of our  
Worship Nave. The cost is 40¢ per  
copy. These are also mailed regu-  
larly to those on our special  
care list. Many find these  
thoughts, scriptures, and prayers  
a refreshing addition to help  
with moments with God.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Cobb, a  
son, Mark Steven, on August 11.  
They are now residing in Carmel  
where he teaches at North Central.



## EVANGELISM EXPERIENCES

SATURDAY RETREAT - 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., September 13, in our building. We are anxious for as many persons as possible to participate in this one day effort to grow in sharing what God and Jesus means to self; to improve communication techniques; and to sensitize us all towards persons.

Sign up on page 4 and receive the four booklets being studied in preparation for the day: HOW CAN WE FIND GOD? by Keith Miller; WHO IS JESUS: by William Barclay; THE MEANING OF LIFE by Alan Walker; and ONE MAN'S JOURNEY by Robert G. Little. These may be picked up by participants at any time in the church office.

CLUSTER MEETING -- EVANGELISM IS 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., Thursday, Oct. 10, for Disciple churches of this part of Indiana in our Fellowship Hall. After a served meal at \$2.00 per person, Dr. Gilford Olmsted, our Regional Minister will open with a Biblical Base for Evangelism. A short Audio - Visual EVANGELISM IS, will be shown early and late in the evening to identify current needs, current settings, and current models for Evangelism in Indiana. Workshops will deal with several different models:

"One-to-One" - James Hollingsworth, day member of national department of Men's Work.

"Music and Drama" - Jim Miller, pastor at Wolcott Christian Church  
"Small Groups" - Robert Sulanke, pastor of Hazelwood Christian Church, Muncie.

"Community Action" - Kent Borgaard, pastor of Central Christian Church, Elkhart.

"Traditional Congregational Life" - Olden Mitchel, Pastor of Lincolnshire Church of Brethren, Ft. Wayne

Dr. Cline serves as Chairman of the Commission of Evangelism and Renewal in Indiana which is sponsoring 14 such Cluster meetings across the state. Start making reservations now by signing on page 4.

## REGIONAL CAMP OUT

Three from our congregation, Eunice Conrad, Sally Rudy, and Miriam Bixenman, will be attending the statewide Family Camp Out at Barbee Christian Camp this coming Labor Day week end. Mrs. Bixenman will be in charge of special planned and supervised activities for pre school children, while adult & youth participate in study and activities. Mr. & Mrs. Ian McCrae will be leaders for the camp out, with Louis McPherrren, from our regional staff, as worship leader.

## MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Monday Morning Study Group will meet for the first time this fall on Monday morning, Sept. 8, at 10:00 A.M. in the parlor. The group meets every two weeks for study, discussion, and prayer. Any interested person is invited. To join, simply come to the first meeting. We will begin this year with a study of grief and how to handle it, using the book, "TRACKS OF A FELLOW STRUGGLER", by John Claypool, and supplemented by other resources. A second book, "DARE TO LIVE NOW", BY Bruce Larsen will be second study undertaken. Books to be studied are selected by the group members.



# SPECIAL FALL PARTICIPATION FORM - 1975

(Please check the appropriate choices and mail to the church office or place in Sunday offering plate. We ask each person and family to take stock and make efforts for these opportunities.)

## M U S I C A L   P R O G R A M

Attend the Kick-off dinner at 6:00 P.M., Thursday, September 4. Bring appropriate food for pitch-in meal and table service. Sign up even if you cannot attend the 4th!

\_\_\_\_\_ CHANCEL CHOIR - Rehearsals start Sept. 4 at 7:30 P.M. Youth & Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ YOUTH BELL CHOIR - Rehearsals start Sept. 11 at 6:45 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN'S CHOIR - Singing and Learning make a new start during Worship, September 7.

\_\_\_\_\_ MEN'S CHOIR - Men on 1st & 2nd Thursday of month - 8:30 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ SWING CHOIR - Youth & Adult - 3rd & 4th Thursdays at 8:30 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ VOCAL SOLOIST; \_\_\_\_\_ VOCAL DUET, TRIO, QUARTET, ENSEMBLE

\_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENTAL SOLO; \_\_\_\_\_ INSTRUMENTAL GROUPING

## S T U D Y   S E R I E S

\_\_\_\_\_ EDGE OF ADVENTURE - 13 sessions from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. Sundays  
Ruby Cline leading - Beginning September 7

\_\_\_\_\_ ADVENTURE IN DISCIPLESHIP - 10 sessions from 5:30 to 6:45 P.M.  
Sundays - Dr. Cline leading - Beginning September 7

\_\_\_\_\_ EDGE OF ADVENTURE - 13 sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. on Thursday  
Dr. Cline leading and child care provided. Beginning Sept. 11.

\_\_\_\_\_ DISCIPLESHIP CLASS CONCERNING BASICS OF CHURCH - 9:30 to 10:30 A.M.  
Sundays - Beginning September 7 in Room 120 during Church School Hour. Dr. Cline leading.

## G R O W T H   I N   S H A R I N G   C H R I S T

\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Evangelism Retreat from 9:00 to 4:00 on Saturday, Sept. 13.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cluster Meeting of Disciple Churches on EVANGELISM IS, 6:30 to 9:30 P.M., Oct. 2

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 P.M. FAW at Dave & Mae  
Martels, 715 Wolverton Dr.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
5:30 P.M. Edge of Adv. - Rm. 120  
5:30 P.M. Adv. in Discipleship  
(Parlor)

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 A.M. Monday Morning Study  
Group in Parlor

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 A.M. Gamboe Group, Laura  
Marks, 4705 Lafayette Esplanade  
7:30 P.M. Bldg. Fund Campaign  
Counsel Mtg. with guest director

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 A.M. Spice Group, 3216  
Resurgent Avenue, Martha Christy.  
7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Connie  
Ells, 735 Poplar Street

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group-Parlor  
6:45 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:00 P.M. Edge of Adv.-Parlor  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
8:30 P.M. Men's Chorus

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

9:00 A.M. EVANGELISM RETREAT

## FALL PROGRAM BEGINS

CHOIRS AND MUSIC A pitch-in dinner at 6:00 tonight, Thursday the 4th, opens our new season. All musical personnel plus families are invited for this covered dish dinner. Bring your own table service. Chancel Choir begins tonight at 7:30 P.M.

### CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION AND PROMOTION SUNDAY

A new semester begins and children and youth are promoted. All should be in class locations as listed on page 4 at 9:30 P.M. Children will be promoted from former classes where they first assemble. Let's rally in and have 200 in our Church School Classes!

### CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH BEGINS

A call for renewed and regular participation in worship goes out to all for the five Sundays climaxing with World Communion Sunday on October 5. Dr. Cline preaches on "PRIVILEGE BECOMES OPPORTUNITY" at the 8:15 and 10:45 A. M. hours. Special Music and Chancel Choir singing at the respective services.

(Continued on page 3)

SERVING SEPTEMBER 7

Elders

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Glenn Miller

10:45 A.M. Charles Ludwig and  
Harold Crowder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, K. Place,  
E. Place, J. Olson.

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, D. Young,  
C. Cline, J. Taylor, S. Rayl,  
W. Bowen, S. Hayes, D. Andrew

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, J.  
Stucky, G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Finkhousen,  
H. Stevenson, M. Byers, R.  
Chevalier.

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-SW,  
S. Knuckles-SW, S. Schell-SE,  
N. Andrew-NE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Anne Lee & Kathy Lee

10:45 A.M. Michele Reeves and  
Mai Pauley

Communion Preparation

Dorothy Merriman & Amelia Dare

Homebound Communion

James Ruble & Russell Wortley

Robert Hendricks & Sam Hayes

Coffee Hour Hosts

Dennis & Norma Andrew

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

232-Mrs. Nadine Elser

514-Mrs. Claire Schryver

ST. JOSEPH:

229-Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

LUTHERAN:

688-Ms. Nellie Buchanan

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned Meats,  
Canned Vegetables, sugar and  
Instant Coffee.

AUGUST AVERAGES:

CHURCH WORSHIP 269

CHURCH SCHOOL 115

BUDGET GIVING \$1,757.70

NEW MEMBERS DURING AUGUST

Ross & Betty Harter

RALLY BACK THIS SUNDAY

Attendance and Giving took an August nosedive the last three Sundays. Let's rally into worship and Church School this Sunday! Let's update our giving so that our basic support stays on target as it did for the first seven weeks of our current church year. We ended August \$929.75 short in support giving which surely will be caught up by the return of those absent recently. SEE YOU SUNDAY! INVITE OTHERS AND COME!

WEDDING OF MEMBER

Linda Yentes was united to Timothy M. Favory in marriage on August 23.

THANK YOU LETTER

Thank you for your love, prayers, and kind thought received at the hospital. Your cards and best wishes are greatly appreciated. It may be as much as a month before I am home again, but I wanted you all to know how much your caring has meant to me.

Claire Schryver

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

David Crebb, who was baptized here in 1954, died suddenly on 8/31. The funeral was Wednesday afternoon. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Roberta, and the six children ranging from 8 to 16, and his mother.



YOUTH FELLOWSHIP & SPECIAL STUDY GROUPS Our Chi Rho Fellowship for 7th & 8th graders and our C.Y.F. for 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders will begin regularly weekly meetings at 5:30 to 6:45 P.M. Simultaneously, we have "Edge of Adventure" and "Adventure in Discipleship" groups beginning in Room 120 and the Parlor. Child care is provided.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP TO WINTER TIME Our Celebration Worship moves up to 7:00 P.M. because of the involvement of children and youth in school. This regular worship experience is open for people who desire the warmth of relationship and the celebration through involvement and participation.

BIBLES GIVEN DURING WORSHIP Our children being promoted during Church School to the Third Grade class will receive Bibles from the church during our 10:45 A.M. worship hour. These children include: Kristi Byers, Deanna Clifton, Ricky Crist, Holly Elkins, Michael Johnson, Dawn Ketner, Todd McLean, Jenny Morris, Brian Taubert, Fritz Vogel, Cheryl Webster, Eric Zimmerman.

#### BUILDING FUND SET-UP MEETING

All Chairmen and Chairwomen plus all Team Captains, Lieutenants, & Secretaries are expected at 7:30 A.M. Tuesday, September 9, to meet with D. Wayne Doolen, our Guest Director from the Board of Church Extension of the Disciples of Christ. THIS IS A MUST NIGHT FOR OUR CAMPAIGN COUNCIL WHICH INCLUDES THE ABOVE PERSONS.

The Youth Bell Choir begins rehearsals at 6:45 P.M.; An "Edge of Adventure" Group led by Dr. Cline begins at 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.; The regular schedule of Chancel Choir, Men's Chorus, and Swing Choir begins in earnest. Child Care will be provided from 6:45 to 9:15 P.M.

#### IMPORTANT SET UP MEETING

Next Tuesday at 7:30 P.M., D. Wayne Doolen, our guest leader from the Board of Church Extension, will meet with the Campaign Council for an important set-up meeting. He is anticipating a perfect attendance on the part of the chairpersons and six team captains, lieutenants, and secretaries. 28 are expected in all.

The intensive period of our program will be from September 21 until October 19. The banner night will be Tuesday, October 14, our Church-Wide Dinner.

The program has been voted both by the Board of Trustees and congregation. Its purpose is to make basic Property Improvements needed to bring out total building into the best possible condition. We already owe for the resurfaced parking lot and painting of the exterior trim. The other projects will await the final result of our commitments which will extend from November 1975 through October 1978.

## CELEBRATION SUNDAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL

This Sunday, September 7, we are celebrating the beginning of a new semester in our church school. Themes for the year in Nursery through Youth Classes and in those adult classes using the Uniform Lesson series is "Knowing the Living God". There are classes for all ages, 0-100. It is Promotion Day in children's and youth classes and the day for everyone to be in church school. Class offerings are as follows:

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Crib and Toddlers - Toddlers under age 2. Linda King, lead teacher, Bar Hayes and Jody Eckert, assistants. Room 236.  
Nursery - 2 or 3 yr. olds (before Oct. 1) Lois Finkhausen, Karen Zimmerma and Rose Jenkins will teach. Room 235.  
Kindergarten- children starting public school Kindergarten this fall or fall of 76. Teachers are Marilyn Frappier, Norma Andrew & Marilyn Byers.  
Elementary I - (Grades 1 & 2) - Eunice Conrad & Schellie Schell teaching Room 132. Karen Flickinger & Sylvia Smith teaching grade 2 in Rm. 133.  
Elementary II - (Grades 3 & 4) - Teachers still to be secured, Room 130  
Elementary III - (Grades 5 & 6) Peggy Buskirk & Edna Nordblom teaching.  
Youth I - (7th & 8th grades) Pat & Bernie Norman teaching, Rm. 330.  
Youth II & III - (9th-12th grades) Mel Busse teaching, co-teacher still to be secured. Rm. 332

### ADULT

College & Career-A Class for singles beyond high school age. Bruce Lehman is the leader. Room 230.  
Christians Under Construction Class-(A class for those under 35) - Dean & Elsie Widler and Joe & Linda Wiley teaching. Room 115  
Harmony Class-(a class for singles & couples in 30's & 40's) Jack Weicker teacher. Room 119  
Relational Bible Study Class-Taught by Ruby Cline in Room 301.  
Gospel Seekers Class-A Bible Study Class for all ages. Taught by Merle & Bea Rice and assisted by Jim Ruble. Room 117  
Come Double Class-A class for couples & singles 40+. Taught by Edna Vaught. Room 116  
Berean Class-A Bible study class for all ages. Jack Williams, teacher. Room 201.  
Progressive Class-A class for those 60+, taught by Harold Crowder in the Chapel.  
Friendly Class-A class for women 70 and beyond meeting in room 231.  
DISCIPLESHIP CLASS-(concerning Basics of the Church)-For new, prospective, or long time members of the church. Dr. Cline leading. See him for enrollment. Room 120.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 A.M. EVANGELISM RETREAT

7:30 P.M. College & Career

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

5:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure

5:30 P.M. Adv. in Discipleship

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

6:45 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:30 P.M. Swing Choir

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 P.M. Area Cluster Meeting

(Sign up for this dinner-meeting  
in the church office)

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3-SATURDAY, OCT. 4

7:00 P.M. FORT WAYNE FAITH AT WORK

MINI-CONFERENCE (Brochures available

throughout the church. Registration

deadline September 25.)

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK,  
NOODLES, MACARONI, INSTANT COFFEE

## WOW! A GOOD START!

Church Loyalty Month began Sunday  
with some significant results:

Worship up to 327 !

Church School up to 150 !

Support Giving up to \$2294.72 !

One response to the invitation !

A Quartet and Choir singing !

The excitement of people gather-  
ing in for fall !

The challenge is out for others  
to join in regular worship and  
study in our church fellowship.  
Let's keep climbing this month un-  
til Worship moves up towards 400  
and our Church School towards 200!  
We are more interested in what hap-  
pens to people than the numbers.  
The numbers only make us aware that  
we are in touch with our people.

## SUNDAY'S SERMON:

### "DIMENSIONS OF FORGIVENESS"

Genesis 50:15-21; Matthew 18:21-35;

Luke 7:36-50. Study these Scrip-  
tures in preparation for worship.

Bring your Bible to Worship and  
mark significant texts and thoughts!

## JOIN SINGERS & BELL PLAYERS!

### THURSDAYS:

Youth Bell Choir - 6:45 P.M.

Chancel Choir - 7:30 P.M.

Men's Chorus - 8:30 P.M. (1st  
and 2nd Thursdays)

Swing Choir - 8:30 P.M. (3rd  
and 4th Thursdays)

Children's Choir after Sermonette



# SERVING SEPTEMBER 14

## Elders

9:15 A.M. Bob Hendricks and  
Merle Grimm

10:45 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Bill Franklin

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, J. Olson,  
R. Baugher, S. Lehman

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, W. Bowen,  
R. Krull, R. Wortley, Ed. Nord-  
blom, R. Johnson, J. Wiley,  
M. L. Hartzler.

## Wishers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman,  
M. Terry, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Steven-  
son, D. Markley, R. Chevalier

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW  
C. Lee-SW

10:45 A.M. A. Dare-SW,  
K. Banet-NW, M. Cook-SE

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Stephen Crebb &  
Stuart Crebb

10:45 A.M. Nancy Frappier &  
Anne Frappier

## Communion Preparation

Kenneth & Elinor Place

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH

229-Mrs. Winnie Mae Ferguson

### PARKVIEW

232-Mrs. Nadine Elser

246-Mrs. Golden Rose

403-Mrs. Ruth Eiler

514-Mrs. Claire Schryver

### HOSPITALIZED OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman

Aultman Hospital

2600 Clarendon

Canton, Ohio 44710

## RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Miss Ingrid Von Buchler, 7506  
Ideal Ave., #19, 46819--747-7075,  
identified with our congregation  
in a transfer of membership during  
Celebration Worship Sunday Evening.  
Ingrid has been a steady part of  
our family for eight months. We  
rejoice in her step to formalize  
this relationship. She is a gradu-  
ate of Indiana University in  
Social Work and is presently em-  
ployed as a receptionist for a  
dentist, Dr. Blickendorf. She  
hails from St. Peter's Lutheran  
Church of Columbus, Indiana. We  
welcome Ingrid in our common life  
in Jesus Christ!

## CONGRATULATIONS OF BIRTH

To Joe and Linda Wiley, a  
daughter, Erin Elizabeth, on 9/4/  
75. She was 9 lbs. 15 oz. - Wow!

## CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNIVERSARY

Leon & Ruby Johns of our congre-  
gation celebrated their Fiftieth  
Wedding anniversary on Saturday,  
September 6. They are taking a  
three-week trip to Yugoslavia and  
Austria beginning on the 14th.

## COLLEGE AND CAREER YOUTH

This group will meet at 7:30  
P.M. this Saturday night at the  
church! Will all out of town col-  
lege youth or their families make  
sure that the church has a current  
mailing address.

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES-SEPTEMBER 2, 1975

Upon recommendation of the Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee, Steve Les was hired as a Student Youth Minister for the coming months on a trial basis. He will be with us one and a half days about every other week. We are concerned for the accentuation of college work and thus the job is open to terminate if this is too heavy of a load. His focus of responsibility will be with CYF, College & Career Youth, Worship Assistance, and possibly some hospital calling. The funding of Steve's employment comes from support giving of the congregation rather than from the Trust Fund as did his work as a Summer Intern.

The Church School Staff as listed last week in THE TIDINGS was approved. Upon recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee, Tana Harter, was selected as the church librarian in a working relationship with the Education Committee.

The Church Vocation Scholarship committee announced the approval of two applications for the current Academic year. Ed Allen, Jr. for his final year at Brite Seminary of Texas Christian University and Valerie Williams for her initial year at Butler University in Indianapolis. These two scholarship grants come entirely from earnings of our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in the operating fund at the end of both July and August and also that the nine outreach checks for those two months had been remitted. Support giving had slipped to \$1,028.84 short of the weekly needs at the end of August after being \$700 ahead at the end of July. (Present were 22 members and one guest)

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### EVANGELISM GROWTH RETREAT--THIS SATURDAY, 9:00 TO 4:00 P.M.

We rejoice in the enlistment of persons to participate this Saturday in the Retreat. Some are quite excited by the preparatory reading booklets. Bring these booklets and a Bible for the day. There will be a served meal at noon. The following are registered for the day according to office records: (Note: Others are most welcome, but do call the church office so we can plan for you. If any listed cannot attend, please call the office also.) Rocky, Lee and Melanie Baugher, Ruth Bennington, Miriam Bixenman, Walter Bowen, Peggy Buskirk, Mel & Barbara Busse, Harold Cline, Judy Church, Eunice Conrad, Mary Cook, Roger & Freida Coy, Harold & Colyn Crowder, Karen Elkins, Steve Harter, Barb Hayes, Rose Jenkins, Donna & Bob Johnson, Eileen Klepfer, Tom & Sue Knuckles, Rosemary Krull, Bert Leversee, Ron & Gary Loveless, Mel & Tillie McNamee, Dorothy Morris, Pat Norman, Aaron & Bobbie Pauley, Scott Rayl, Sally Rudy, Schellie Schell, Mark and Julie Snyder, Ben & Jim Taylor, Ingrid Von Buchler, Vincent and Connie Wells, Dean & Elsie Widler, Joe Wiley, Nancy Wortley.



## CALL FOR STUDY GROUPS:

"THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE" materials by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson--Join the opening session of the Thursday night group at 7:00 P.M. tonight, or the last call to join the Sunday group at 5:30 P.M. Many found this one of the best special study curriculum ever utilized last spring. 13 sessions for growth--Child Care for young!

### "ADVENTURE IN DISCIPLESHIP"

This course prepared by Dennis Savage includes preparatory study materials, group interaction, struggling with daily disciplines, and practicing the presence of God. 10 sessions on Sunday evenings at 5:30 P.M. Next Sunday is last night for newcomers.

### "PASTOR'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS"

--Dealing with basics of faith and church. Group started last week--Come this week for this first series of winter during Church School beginning at 9:30 A.M. in Room 120.

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

College and Career youth at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday nights.

C.Y.F. for ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders at 5:30 P.M. on Sundays.

Chi Rho for seventh and eighth graders at 5:30 P.M. on Sundays. Scott Rayl & Ingrid von Buchler are the new counselors with this group.

## "GODSPELL" PRESENTATION

The Harding High School players will be doing their full presentation of the musical "Godspell" in our Worship Nave on Sunday evening, September 21, at 7:00 P.M. Last spring, they did several portions for us, but this will be the full production.

This is a night for members and friends alike to come and hear the enthusiastic presentation of the Gospel story through music and drama. It gives a fresh hearing of the Gospel message of life.

Mark your calendar and invite someone to come along with you. This should be a full house night. There will be a free will offering to cover royalty and other minor expenses.

## FAITH AT WORK MINI-CONFERENCE

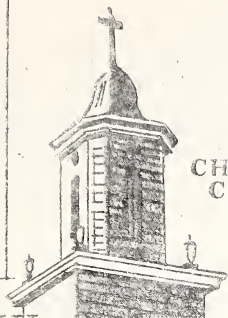
7:00 P.M. Friday, Oct. 3 through 7:30 P.M. Saturday, Oct. 4 is this important opportunity coming to our community. Several of our people have participated in the excellent, but costly program annually at Bloomington. Here is a similar opportunity on our doorstep at a very minimal cost of \$7.50 for each person and this includes the two Saturday meals. Brochures are available at the office, narthex, and window ledges. Registration forms in the Brochures need to be mailed by September 25. Ralph Osborne, national president of Faith at Work, is coordinator for the conference. Each have opportunities for two workshops out of a strong selection of 8 in Personal Growth and 8 in Ministries.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### ATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 - 12:00 A.M. Christian Ed  
Workshop at 1st Baptist Church,

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
3:00 P.M. BFC Council Meeting  
5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Pizza Party  
6:30 P.M. C.Y.F.  
6:30 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
6:30 P.M. Adv. in Discipleship  
7:00 P.M. "GODSPELL" presented in  
the Nave by Harding High Players.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 A.M. Study Group  
7:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Mtg.  
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:00 noon D.M.A. Potluck  
8:00 P.M. Publicity Committee  
of the Building Fund Campaign

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:45 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
8:00 P.M. (BFC) Advance  
Pledge Committee Meeting  
8:30 P.M. Swing Choir

## PANTRY NEEDS

CANNED MEAT CANNED FRUIT  
BABY FOOD SIMILAC

## "GOD'S GRACE AT WORK"

This sermon on grace is dealing with a basic aspect of God's dealing with us. Prepare for the sermon by reading and studying Isaiah 55:6-11; Philippians 1:3-5, 19-27; and Matthew 20:1-16. The latter test is often one difficult for people to understand and accept from the ministry of Jesus. Bring your Bibles to worship and mark comments relating to these texts. The Grace of God becomes a focus theme for our worship this Sunday morning at 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Our Chancel Choir is singing on this particular Sunday at the 8:15 hour.

## "GODSPELL" - 7:00 P.M.

This musical production telling the good news of Jesus according to Matthew in modern words, song, and drama will be presented in our Worship Nave at 7:00 P.M. this Sunday evening by the Harding High School Players. A free will offering will be received to cover royalties and incidental expenses for the group. We had an excerpt

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 21

Elders

8:15 A.M. Merle Rice and  
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Jim Ruble and  
Andrew Crowe

Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, K. & E.  
Place, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. W. Bowen, S. Hayes,  
K. Taylor, M. Finkhousen, S.  
Schell, E. Klepfer, E. Conrad,  
M. Lehman

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G.  
Ludwig, J. Olson.

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Fink-  
housen, S. Hayes, J. Taylor,  
R. Chavalier.

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
S. Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom-NW,  
N. Andrew-SW, G. Moore-NE,  
P. Buskirk-SE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Bobbie Johnson  
Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. John Wortley  
Tim Sauerwein

Communion Preparation

Kenneth and Elinor Place

Homebound Communion

Bill Schilling - John Olson

Steve Harter - James Taylor

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ST. JOSEPH:

352-Mrs. Blanche Tucker

435-Mrs. Melody Lehman

PARKVIEW:

508-Mrs. Claire Schryver

405-Mrs. Nellie Roe

DEATH OF MEMBER

Mrs. Nadine Elser on 9/14/75.  
Services were held out of town on  
9/16/75. She had been a member  
since 1964. Sympathy is extended  
to the husband, Gerald Sr., and  
the sons, and kin!

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Virgil and Brenda (Lee)  
Hiatt, a daughter, Erin Lee, on  
9/11/75.

TO CLERGY AND MEMBERS OF FCC

I wish to thank you for the  
prayers and many cards during my  
recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Eural (Golden) Rose

RETIREMENT

Don Parlette has retired from  
the public school system at the  
end of summer school. We salute  
Don in his work accomplished th-  
rough the years and this change  
of pace just now!

SHARING ELSEWHERE

Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk  
were team teachers for a grade 3  
and 4 level of an Observation  
School at First Presbyterian  
Church on August 24.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO

Elsie Widler on the death of  
her brother-in-law, Dominic Di-  
Clementi of Denver, Colorado.

HOSPITALS (continued)

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## BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

**BACKGROUND:** In September, 1970, this church held a consultation with the Board of Church Extension concerning some long-range building improvements. Some work was done as Centennial Program during 1971. Most of the dreams are held back. In December of 1973, the church board approved some goals which called for serious study of building needs, a fund drive in early 1975, and work thereafter.

At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees this year, the Property Committee suggested an immediate program to improve our facilities to maximize the function and utilization of our present structure. Their guesstimates of work totaled \$74,000. The Board authorized study by respective committees to secure bids, to finance, and to underwrite capital outreach simultaneously. After lengthy discussion in June on bids of \$66,018, the Board recommended immediate action on repairing and repaving the parking lot and exterior painting and that a major fund drive be held in the fall to pay these items, other major property improvements, and accumulation of funds for capital outreach projects. This recommendation was approved by congregational vote on June 8.

After a General Consultation with Board of Church Extension on July 9, the Board voted on July 22 to utilize the leadership of the Board in program and Guest Director.

**WHERE WE ARE NOW:** *The intensive effort of education and commitment will be September 21 to October 19.*

*A goal of \$85,000 has been set for commitments extending over 156 weeks beginning November 1, 1975.*

**THE KEY DATE FOR EVERY MEMBER AND FRIEND OF THE CHURCH IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, FROM 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.**

**FIRST ENLISTED PERSONNEL:** The following persons compose our Campaign Council which has an important meeting this coming Sunday, September 21, at 8:00 P.M.

### CAMPAIGN COUNCIL

George Bruckman, Camp. Chr.  
Jack Weicker, Brd. Moder.  
Nancy Wortley, Camp. Secy.  
Alph Church, Adv. Gifts. Chr.  
Judy Church, Spiritual Life Chr.  
El Busse, Publ. Chr.  
Eileen Allen, Meals Chr.  
Berle Grimm, Follow Thrhg. Chr.  
Barbara Short, Church Secy.  
Harold E. Cline, Minister  
William Bixenman, Min. of Educ.

### TEAM MEMBERS

Captains: John Olson, Bill Franklin, Steve Harter, Delores Keebortz, Bob Hendricks, Tom Frappier.  
Lieutenants: Robert Johnson, Jerry Zimmerman, Joe Wiley, Marlene Crouse, Rocky Baugher, Sam Hayes.  
Secretaries: Eileen Klepfer, Barb Johnson, Marilyn Byers, Karen Flickinger, Carole Lee, Lee Baugher.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WORKSHOP

This Saturday morning, September 20, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, a rare opportunity is available here in our own community for those who work with children in our churches. The first in a series (once a month) of workshops is being held at First Baptist Church under the auspices of the Christian Education Committee of Associated Churches. Subsequent workshops will be geared to other age levels. This one features "Indoor Church School Activities", such as puppets, printing, drama, music, creative arts, writing and worship. The learning center approach will be used. Fee is \$1.00, which will be gladly paid through our Christian Education budget for any persons attending from this church. Child care will be provided.

## FAMILY CAMP OUT CANCELLED

The Family Camp Out originally scheduled for September 26, 27, & 28, has been cancelled. This action has been taken due to calendar conflicts for many of the persons who normally attend these events. A future date may be set if there is interest in doing so.

## CHI RHO PIZZA PARTY

This Sunday evening, Sept. 21, Chi Rho will have a Pizza Party and get acquainted time. All youth in 7th & 8th grades are asked to come to the church at 5:00. We will be meeting in the church kitchen. If you need a ride to church, call Ingrid Von Buchler (747-7075) or Miriam Bixenman at the church.

## "GODSPELL" (continued)

of this last spring, but now they are presenting the full production. Invite friends and neighbors for this evening. Child care provided.

## D.M.A. NEXT TUESDAY

Our D.M.A. Group will share a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon next Tues. the 23rd. The informal program will be by William Hissem of our neighborhood as he shares photographic scenes and slides. He comes at the recommendation and invitation of Mrs. Amelia Dare.

All widows, widowers, retirees, or those over 60 are invited. Bring a covered dish and table service.

## EVANGELISM CLUSTER MEETING

We host an important meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2, beginning with dinner at 6:30 P.M. and closing at 9:30 P.M. EVANGELISM IS is the theme through Biblical presentation, an audio visual talking of evangelism in Indiana, and workshops on methods of evangelism. Sign up by calling the office or signing the sheet on the bulletin board opposite the office.

This week Ruby Cline went to Laporte and Remington and Dr. Cline to Clear Creek and Greencastle to share in cluster team leadership. Joe Wiley is slated for a team at Yorktown.

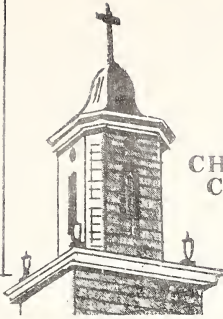
## FAITH AT WORK MINI-CONFERENCE

Registration and Information forms are available at the church. Sign up NOW for this event on the weekend of October 3 & 4.

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## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Church School
- 10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
- 3:00 P.M. Executive Council (BFC)
- 5:30 P.M. Youth Groups
- 5:30 P.M. Adv. In Discipleship
- 7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 12:00 noon Interfaith Luncheon, 1st  
Presby. Church, 300 W. Wayne St.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9:00 A.M. Spice Group, Alameda  
Avenue, 3402 River Forest.
- 6:30 P.M. BFC KICK-OFF DINNER
- 7:45 P.M. Higdon Group, Esther  
Whitton, 3308 S. Clinton St.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 6:30 P.M. CONGREGATIONAL CLUSTER  
DINNER - "EVANGELISM IS"

Note: Choir Rehearsals Cancelled

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 7:00 P.M. Ft. Wayne FAW Min-  
Conference opens.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 A.M. FAW Conference (cont.)

How many Sundays during September have you shared in public worship? This is Church Loyalty Month! What are we expressing in our lives? We have rejoiced in families back in worship after long absence. Will you make worship a regular beginning each Lord's Day?

Bring and mark your Bible after preparatory study of these Scriptures: Ezekial 18:25-32; Phil. 2:1-11; and Matthew 21:28 - 32. Dr. Cline's sermon title is "KNOWING AND DOING GOD'S WILL". The Chancel Choir will be back at the 10:45 A.M. hour.

Miriam Bixenman will be leading the Celebration Worship at 7:00 P.M. in a special Festive Celebration of the Joy of God's Love.

## KEY DINNER MEETINGS

- 6:30 to 8:30 P.M., Wednesday, Oct. 1, Kick-Off Dinner for all workers in Building Fund Campaign.
- 6:30 to 9:30 P.M., Thurs. Oct. 2, Evangelism Cluster Meeting for churches of this area-EVANGELISM IS. Call reservations to church office if not listed on page 4.

### PANTRY NEEDS:

SOUPS, CEREALS,  
SIMILAC, CANNED MEATS



# SERVING SEPTEMBER 28

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
Robert Hendricks  
10:45 A.M. Steve Harter and  
Robert Rayl

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. B. Lehman, M. Lehman,  
C. Lee, J. Olson  
10:45 A.M. D. Markley, R. Wortley,  
D. Short, S. Rayl, S. Knuckles,  
K. Banet, G. Moore, N. Andrew

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, M. Terry,  
D. Smith  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson,  
D. Markley, G. Bozarth, R. Chevalier

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-NW  
E. Place-SW  
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K. Banet-SW, M. Cook-SE

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm & S. Keebortz  
10:45 A.M. K. Bozarth & B. Ruble

## Communion Preparation

Kenneth & Elinor Place

# SERVING ELSEWHERE

Dean and Elsie Widler are co-ordinating the Lay Witness Mission this Weekend at Church of the Brethren in West Milton, Ohio. Also assisting are Steve Doles and Val Williams.

Chad & Carol Cline served on a youth team for a LWM at Trinity United Methodist Church in Marion this past weekend.

Rocky, Lee, and Melanie Baugher served on the team for a Mini-Mission at First Presbyterian Church in New Castle also this past weekend.

Harold & Ruby Cline are leading the Board Retreat for the Beacon Heights Church of the Brethren this Friday night and Saturday at Camp Potowatomie. Ruby Cline will serve as a team member for the Evangelism cluster meetings in Thorntown and Yorktown next Tuesday and Wednesday. Joe Wiley will also serve on the Yorktown team.

## THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Gerald Elser, Sr. wishes to express their thanks to Dr. Cline for all the help he has extended to the family in recent months. Also a special thank you for the flowers received from the church at the death of Nadine Elser.

## NEW TEACHER FOR 3rd and 4th GRADES

Marlene Crouse is becoming the teacher for the grades 3 and 4 Church School Class as of Oct. 19. A special thanks to the Sauerweins for a job well done as teachers of this class the last two years.

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH:

352-Mrs. Blanche Tucker  
337-Mrs. Melody Lehman

### PARKVIEW:

405-Mrs. Nellie Roe  
508-Mrs. Claire Schryver

### OUT OF TOWN:

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## BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

### THE BASIC PROJECTS

1. Do major exterior maintenance work. Because of accelerating deterioration, this work has already been done, namely, resurfacing and sealing parking lot and exterior painting of wood trim. Our first receipts will pay these bills: Parking Lot - \$8,591 and Exterior Painting - \$2,150.
2. Renovate Educational areas to equal quality of Nave and Exterior:
  - a. Remodel original gym into 5 classrooms, youth lounge and rest-room, including lowered ceilings, new lighting, carpeting, and lounge furnishings. \$13,400
  - b. Install Soundmaster Folding Doors in Fellowship Hall, Parlor, Youth Lounge, and between Rooms 132, 133 - \$10,900
  - c. Carpeting and Painting of Classrooms 130, 132, 133 - \$1,850 with volunteer labor on painting.
  - d. Making Room 120 a Conference Room including closing folding door opening, wall board, lower accustical ceiling, carpeting, and furnishings - \$3,930
  - e. Repair or replace Parlor Furniture - \$1,000
  - f. Repair or replace folding tables which damage clothing \$853
3. Air Condition Worship Nave - \$13,284
4. Update Office Equipment - A special gift has already purchased a new typewriter. Projected equipment includes new self-cleaning offset, Table Top Copier, Typewriter, Addressing Machine and Plate maker - \$5,481
5. Renovate walls of Men's, Women's, and Kitchen Rest Rooms - \$800 with volunteer labor.
6. Purchase of Mini-Bus for Group excursions of youth, children, & adults, possible Sunday transportation, and other Church Needs - \$5,800

NOTE: Some of these projects have been under discussion for five years. The committee this spring suggested immediate action. We have held back all but the exterior work pending our Building Fund Campaign. The goal is to have attractive and functional facilities equalized in our total building for all groups and ages. There will be no major structural changes to our building or its walls except the wall closing in Room 120. Some of the above figures might change because bids were not met on time other than the completed work.

### THE CAPITAL OUTREACH

Both the Board of Trustees and Congregation voted to accumulate 20 to 25% of our Building Fund Campaign receipts for designated Capital Outreach projects of the Christian Church likely in either our Homeland Ministries or Benevolent Homes. We are concerned to care for others along with ourselves!

CHECK-OFF DINNER -- All enlisted personnel of the committees and teams are urged to be present next Wednesday, October 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 for our CHECK-OFF DINNER!

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## BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN (continued)

### ENLISTED PERSONNEL:

Advance Pledge Committee: Ralph Church, Chrm., Ron Flickinger, Dean Widler, Merle Grimm, Edna Vaught, Bert Leversee, Mary Lou Hartzler, Eunice Conrad, Earl Plummer. Spiritual Life Committee: Judy Church, Chrm., Elsie Widler, Ingrid Von Buchler, Tana Harter, Carol Cline, Ben Taylor, Merle Rice. Publicity Committee: Mel Busse, Chrm., Linda Wiley, Rose Jenkins, Jim Taylor, Scott Rayl, Marvin Crouse. Meals Committee: Sue Allen, Chrm., Bea Rice, Delores Overmyer, Fran Eckert, Reba Fusselman, Follow-Through Committee: Merle Grimm, Chrm., Andy Cook, Ron Flickinger, Rex Clifton, Colyn Crowder, George Davis, Mildred Hutchinson, Bert Leversee, Michael Terry.

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### EVANGELISM IS

We host an outstanding team next Thursday evening to help us grow in this important area. We would invite people to call the office or make dinner reservations at \$2.00 per person. All other Thursday night activities are cancelled for this major concern. Child care provided.

Presently we have commitments from the following for the Dinner and Meeting:

Rocky, Lee & Melanie Baugher, Miriam Bixenman, George Bruckman, Mel Busse, Ralph Church, Harold and Ruby Cline, Eunice Conrad, Marlene Crouse, Harold Crowder, Steve Harter, Scott Rayl, Sally Ruby, Schellie Schell, Mark and Pauline Snyder, James Taylor, Ingrid Von Buchler, Jack & Janet Weicker, Dean & Elsie Widler, Joe Wiley, Nancy Wortley.

### MARRIAGE

Tom Rayl and Donna Robinette were married on Friday, Sept. 12, at Kankakee, Illinois. They are residing at 7116 Rose Ann Pkwy., Ft. Wayne, In. 46804.

### GRADES 1 - 6 SING TIME

Grades 1 - 6 will assemble at 9:30 A.M. this Sunday, Sept. 28 for a sing time. It is hoped that this will be a time of hymn learning and enjoyment for our children. These assemblies are planned for once a month. Boys and girls are to meet in the 5th and 6th grade room #333.

### PASTOR OUT OF TOWN

Dr. Cline will be in Kansas City next Monday and Tuesday to participate in the interdenomination sessions on "EVANGELIZING THROUGH THE LOCAL CONGREGATION" sponsored by the Evangelizing Forum. This meeting is followed Tuesday night and Wednesday by a Disciple gathering of Regional leaders in evangelism. His participation comes as Chairman of the Indiana Commission on Evangelism and Renewal of the Christian Church.

### PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Fellowship has set a date for the next paper drive-- Saturday, October 27.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 P.M. Ft. Wayne FAW Mini-Con-  
ference opens

### ATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:00 A.M. Ft. Wayne FAW

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

5:30 P.M. Adv. In Discipleship

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### ONDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Val

taylor, 5215 Werling Drive

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Reba

usselman, 6309 Bluffton Rd.

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### EDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Miriam

ixenman, 4430 Wilmette

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

5:45 P.M. Bell Choir

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

8:30 P.M. Men's Chorus

### COUNTRY NEEDS:

Canned Fruit Powdered Milk

Canned Meat Instant Coffee

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The virtual whole of the Christian world--Roman Catholics, Orthodox, and Protestants join together in celebrating the Lord's Supper at the heart of worship on the first Sunday of October. Even though we have weekly communion, we consider it significant to be joined by the whole of Christendom. Thus, the challenge is out for every person who names Jesus as Lord to share in this meal of thanksgiving and renewal. We will accentuate our preparation and observance of meeting Jesus at his Table. He is the host. We will join Him.

The sermon in preparation for communion is "THE ENABLED COMMUNITY". Study these Scriptures for the day, namely, Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:4-8; Matthew 21:33-43.

One of the six Special Offerings of the year will be received in Special Envelopes and also as the total Church School Offering. RECONCILIATION which is half used through a National committee and half used within our Indiana Region is the recipient of this special giving. The objective of RECONCILIATION in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to seek to find solutions to problems related to race and poverty concerns in U.S. & Canada. Our regular weekly giving is supporting RECONCILIATION BY \$125 per month.



# SERVING OCTOBER 5

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Harold Crowder  
Dean Widler

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder  
Cecil Rice

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, E. Place,  
K. Place, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. R. Baugher, R. Johnson  
J. Wiley, D. Andrew, J. Taylor,  
K. Taylor, M. Finkhousen, C. Cline

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman  
M. Terry, J. Olson

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, M. Finkhousen  
T. Frappier, S. Hayes, R.  
Chevalier.

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz-NW  
Susan Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-NW  
R. Baugher-SW, S. Knuckles-NE,  
M. Lehman-SE

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Anne & Kathy Lee  
10:45 A.M. Sheri Melchi and  
Laura Sauerwein

## Communion Preparation

Delores Keebortz & Gladys Moore

## Homebound Communion

George Bruckman - Delmas Young  
Jack Weicker - Chad Cline

## Coffee Hour Hosts

Chi Rho Youth (Please report to  
basement during 2nd Worship)

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH

352-Mrs. Blanche Tucker

### PARKVIEW

405-Mrs. Nellie Roe

### OUT OF TOWN

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman

Rm. 410 Memorial

Aultman Hospital

6th & Clarendon S.W.

Canton, Ohio 44710

## SEPTEMBER AVERAGES

CHURCH WORSHIP 373

CHURCH SCHOOL 143

SUPPORT GIVING \$1917.07

## NEW MEMBERS DURING SEPTEMBER:

Ingrid Von Buchler

## MEMORIAL GIFT--PURPLE PARAMENTS

In memory of my dear Mother, Father, and Husband, Paul, by Mrs. Paul E. Ferguson (Geneva), a set of Purple scarves for the Communion Table, Pulpit, and Lectern, and a stole for the Pastor. These will be used first during the Advent season and then again during Lent. We rejoice that we now have the four basic sets -- purple, white, red, and green. Thanks to all the donors!

## PRAY FOR THESE

Peggy Buskirk, Marlene Crouse, Nancy & Diana Wortley are serving on a LWM Team this weekend at the Allisonville Christian Church.

Steve Doles is leading singing for the Faith at Work Mini-Conference this Friday night and Saturday. Harold & Ruby Cline are workshop leaders also in this conference.

## AREA I ASSEMBLY AT NORTH CHRISTIAN

The Christian Churches of North-eastern Indiana which compose Area I meet in Assembly on Sunday, Oct. 12, from 2:00 - 6:00 P.M. at North Christian. Area officers and regional representatives will be elected as well as action on a revised constitution. The day will close with a picnic meal from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.

# BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

## SCHEDULE OF WORK TO BE DONE:

1. The projects which we are seeking to accomplish will be done as soon as financial resources and board actions will allow them. Admittedly, we have first to pay for the two exterior projects totalling \$10,741. Upon the completion of the fund drive we will have some cash and will also apply for a construction loan on the basis of the Building Fund Campaign. This loan will allow for work to be done from November 1 through June 30, 1976 when it is assumed that our final three-year loan will be met. We will only borrow necessary funds to complete work tasks on the basis of best bids.

2. The Capital Outreach accumulation of funds will be set aside for special designated projects of a capital nature of the Christian Church. We will not borrow funds for these but will give the total needed when it is accumulated.

## MONEY GIVEN OR PLEDGED TO DATE:

Before our Building Fund Campaign we had received \$3,000 towards educational rooms painting and carpeting. The Property Committee has been working on these projects, but has been held up by the interlocking nature of some of the work to be done and lack of funds for the total area. We also purchased a new office typewriter on the basis of a special pledge--The need was recognized and action taken. We have received two other gifts and one Campaign commitment:

PLEDGES AND/OR CASH TO DATE	\$4,793.00
PURCHASE OF NEW TYPEWRITER	646.00
CASH ON HAND	3,155.00
PLEDGES STILL DUE ON THESE	992.00

## OUR COMMITMENTS OF THE BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN:

The Building Fund commitments which we will receive by October 19 will be for over and above giving beyond our basic program support. The cash commitments are for a period of 156 weeks or from November 1, 1975 to October 31, 1978. Similar efforts show that we should easily have 150 to 200 Building Fund Commitments averaging from \$3 to \$4 per week for the three year period. On this basis, our goal of \$85,000 is very attainable. Yes, some commitments need to be in the \$10 to \$20 per week bracket. Those earning well should consider a minimum of \$5 per week. Admittedly, some youth and retirees will have to go at lower weekly sums. We are praying and working for a realistic goal of over-and-above giving for our Building Fund Campaign.

CL-CHURCH DINNER--Plan to be present on Tuesday night, October 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. Every member and friend of the church is invited to participate and assure the best possible response to our campaign. It is served meal with a free will offering towards the cost.

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## GREAT EXPECTATIONS

As all of us must be aware by this time, we are in the midst of a Building Fund and Capital Outreach Drive which is to be concluded on Sunday, Oct. 19. This is a great effort on the part of members and friends of First Christian Church to raise some \$85,000 over a period of three years for vital up-dating of our facilities, and at the same time, gives each of us an opportunity to reach out beyond the confines of our own congregation to help alleviate some critical capital outreach need within our Brotherhood.

As Moderator of the Congregation, I should like to make the plea that all of us will somehow support this great effort to the very best of our abilities. I begin to see exciting things happening in the life of this church as it strives to carry out its mission in an alien world. Our monetary support for the regular church programs has been at an all-time high during the past months. In my judgement, the spirit of fellowship and mutual concern has never been greater within the hearts of individual members of this congregation. Yes, great things are happening here and with God's sure help this church will move out into ever-expanding areas of service.

May each of us approach the opportunity to support this current drive in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving and may we truly respond to these vital needs as the Lord has blessed us.

--Jack E. Weicker, Moderator

## BUILDING FUND (continued)

ENLISTED PERSONNEL: Interpreters:  
Steve Harter, Lee Baugher, Diana Wortley, Judy Church, Mel Busse, Joe Wiley, Jim Ruble, Jim Taylor, Carol Cline, George Bruckman, and Tana Harter.

Team Canvassers: Ed Allen, Andy Benny, Ennis & Virginia Brown, Barbara Busse, Peg Buskirk, Chad Cline, Mary Cook, Joyce Crowe, Irene Current, George Davis, Gary & Carolyn Falbe, Max & Lois Finkhousen, Tom & Marilyn Frappier, Dwain & Kathy Graham, Betty Grimm, Ross & Betty Harter, Bev Hendricks, Mildred Hogg, Laverne Hunt, Ralph Keller, Tom & Sue Knuckles, Bruce & Marge Lehman, Gary & Jan Loveless, Dorothy Morris, Harold & Edna Nordbloom, Pat Norman, Bob & Sharon Pauley, Bob Rayl, Cecil & Almeda Rice, Don Short, Ina Smith, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Jim & Becky Stucky, Steve & Janie Taulbee, Ben & Ken Taylor, Janet Weicker, Vincent and Connie Wells, Helen Williams, Russ Wortley, Delmas Young, Karen Zimmerman.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The October meeting of our Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 7:30 P.M. Business includes a document for action from the Education Committee, reports, and other committee recommendations. All members are urged to be present or to notify the church office if there is a conflict.

## CWF BOXES FOR EMILY FLINN GIFTS

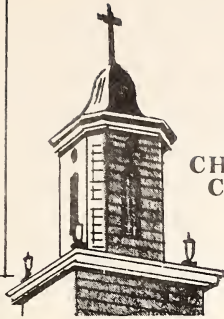
Receptacles will be placed at both doors of the church for gifts to be taken to Emily Flinn home October 21.



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## BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN REACHES CLIMAX WEEK

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 -- CONSECRATION SUNDAY

All Advance Committee members, all captains, lieutenants, secretaries, and canvassers will be present at 8:15 or 10:45 for special consecration and dedication. Dr. Cline will preach on "EXPRESSING PRIORITIES" Matthew 23:1-14. The Men's Chorus will be singing.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 -- BEGINNING OF ROUND THE CLOCK PRAYER

Someone will be praying within each hour block during the week from Monday on Sunday the 12th until noon Sunday the 19th. These are prayers within each hour in behalf of our Building Fund Program and Campaign.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 -- ALL-CHURCH DINNER - 6:30 P.M.

All members and friends of the Church are invited for this served dinner. We are looking for upwards of 350 people for this occasion. The menu includes swiss steak, baked potatoes, a salad, green beans supreme, rolls, and drink. A free will offering will be received towards the dinner cost. D. Wayne Doolen will be leading the major program during which pledges will be received towards our Building Fund Campaign goal of \$35,000. Children of grades 6 and below will have Nursery Care or three "Film Fun Packages" shown in the Chapel. These movies include sports, cartoons, and a western. THE WORD IS OUT--COME ON TUESDAY NIGHT THE 14TH!

### WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS -- HOME CONTACTS

Canvassers will complete calls on families not represented at the All-Church Dinner. We will work diligently to give everyone an opportunity to share.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 -- VICTORY SUNDAY

We will have a special final report on our efforts and expect to celebrate receiving more than \$85,000 in over-and-above giving for our Building Fund during the coming three years.

# SERVING OCTOBER 12

## Elders

8:15 A.M. Bill Schilling  
George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller  
Jack Weicker

## Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, M. Lehman,  
R. Baugher, S. Schell

10:45 A.M. E. Nordbloom, R.  
Wortley, R. Krull, D. Short,  
S. Hayes, E. Conrad, D. Young,  
M. L. Hartzler

## Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman  
G. Ludwig, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson  
M. Byers, G. Bozarth, R. Chevalier

## Greeters

8:15 A.M. M. Lehman-NW  
R. Baugher-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW,  
K. Banet-SW, M. Cook-SE,  
A. Dare-NE

## Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Stephen & Stuart  
Crebb

10:45 A.M. Nancy & Anne Frappier

## Communion Preparation

Delores Keebortz & Gladys Moore

## IN HOSPITALS

### ST. JOSEPH

513-Mr. Fred Smell

(Anticipated going home 10/7)

453-Mr. Ed Allen

361-Mrs. Blanche Tucker

### OUT OF TOWN HOSPITALS

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman was expecting release from the hospital on 10/7 and will be with her sister, 3442 Croydon Dr., N.W., - Canton, Ohio. 44718

## PANTRY NEEDS:

SUGAR, CRACKERS, TOMATO SAUCE

## RESPONSE TO INVITATION

Mrs. Karen Ann Elkins, 1108 Rivermet, - 05, 743-5059, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from First Christian Church of Bedford, Ind. during Celebration Worship last Sunday evening. Karen is a secretary in the office of Lebamoff, Verwiebe, and Snow. Her husband, Ron, is now employed by Lee's Inns. Daughter, Holly is in Hoagland School. We welcome Karen into our family in the bond of Christ.

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY--ABOITE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Any are invited this Sunday, October 12 at 10:30 for Worship or a Basket Dinner at 12:00 with Fellowship following. They have done extensive building work for the occasion. We SALUTE our sister congregation. They are at 8830 Aboite Road.

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Nina B. Robbins and Barry Nordbloom announce their marriage on September 12, 1975 at the First Christian Church, Charleston, S. C. They are residing at R # 2, Box 3, Fair Play, S. C. 29643

## SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Ethel Birkhold in the death of her sister, Edith Smith this past Saturday, and also in the recent death of her brother-in-law in the east.

## MINISTER EMERITUS

### IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Barton Johnson

St. Elizabeth's Hospital  
Covington, Kentucky 41011

# BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

## WHY? WHY? WHY?

Talk has continued for five years concerning upgrading various educational and other facilities in our building. The goal is to equalize the basic building facility to the quality of the outside and our worship area. We are also including some major ongoing maintenance projects such as the parking lot and exterior painting. We desire comfortable, attractive, quiet, warm settings for the functions of our building--worship, study, fellowship, and administration.

## WHAT? WHAT? WHAT?

Exterior Parking Lot and Painting already completed - \$10,741  
Renovation of Educational areas and doors - \$31,933  
Air Conditioning of Worship Nave - \$13,284  
Updating Office Equipment - \$5,481  
Renovate Rest Room Walls - \$800  
Purchase of Mini-Bus for Church Programming - \$5,800  
Capital Outreach Project -- Underwrite some specific capital needs in overseas or Homeland Ministries or Benevolent Homes -- 20 to 25% of all receipts in the Building Fund Program.

## WHEN? WHEN? WHEN?

Pledges are requested to be received during the All-Church Dinner on Tuesday the 14th. Efforts are being made for non-resident members and friends to mail commitments back by Monday, October 13. All from whom we have had no response will be followed up on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 15 & 16. The commitments are for 156 weeks beginning November 1, 1975 and continuing through October 31, 1978. We hope to exceed our campaign goal of \$85,000 by Victory Sunday, October 19. The two completed projects will be paid first and then we will begin work as quickly as possible on the basis of the response. A construction loan will allow immediate work with a final loan for the balance to begin payments next July 1. The Capital Outreach Project will be accumulated money rather than borrowed money.

## HOW? HOW? HOW?

This can be done by a responsible and generous commitment on the part of our members and friends. Each must give in proportion to finances and in proportion to current program support giving. This is over-and-above giving for which there will be special envelopes during November and December and a special marking on the 1976 envelopes for designating Building Fund giving. The basic determination will be the prayer responsiveness of our people to what God wants to accomplish through our lives.



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**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12**

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
2:00 P.M. Area I Regional Assembly--North Christian  
2:00 P.M. Aboite Christian Church Open House  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
5:30 P.M. Adv. in Disc.  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 13**

7:30 P.M. Guild Group, Pearl Heidecker, 2445 Fairfield Ave.  
8:30 P.M. Adv. Pledge Comm.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

1:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Mrs. James Heavin, 2323 Hiawatha  
6:30 P.M. ALL-CHURCH DINNER

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

6:30 P.M. Canvassing on church families not represented at All-Church Dinner.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16**

6:45 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:00 P.M. Canvassing  
7:00 P.M. Edge of Adv.  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
8:30 P.M. Swing Choir

### AREA I ASSEMBLY OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

All are invited this Sunday, October 12, for the bi-ennial assembly of our Christian Churches in this area. It will be held at North Christian Church with registration (no cost) at 2:00 and program beginning at 2:30.

Included in the program is a variety of singing to be led by Sara Davis of our congregation. Traditional Evangelism will be highlights by a sermon by Harold (Pete) Clark who has led the Chesterfield Christian Church to amazing and steady growth for 20 years. Contemporary Evangelism will be focused by our Dr. Cline.

Bring a light meal to be shared at 5:00 P.M. -- Sandwiches, salads & desserts.

New officers for the Area for the coming two years will be elected as well as several representatives to our regional manifestation of the church.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 A.M. Painting Party  
10:00 A.M. Christian Education Work-  
shop, Calvary Presbyterian  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 VICTORY SUNDAY  
9:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
1:00 P.M. Follow Through and Ex-  
ecutive Committee (BFC)  
2:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
3:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:00 A.M. Study Group  
2:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21  
12:00 Noon D.M.A. and CWF leave  
for Flinn Home

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:45 P.M. Bell Choir  
8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
9:30 P.M. Swing Choir

### PANTRY NEEDS:

MAIN DISH DINNERS, POWDERED  
MILK, BABY FOOD

Monday as we celebrate the Victory  
of our Fund Campaign and move on  
to worship to our assurance in God.

*Harold E. Cline*

## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

This is a week of prayer and decision on the part of our congregation which will spell out the completion of our Building Fund Campaign. If any have not made an expression of decision in this matter, we ask that you call the church office - 744-3239; come to the church office and make response; or mail a written statement of your participation to the church. All need to be received by Saturday noon, October 18, so that we can have a final reporting next Sunday morning at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours on our Victory Sunday.

The suggested action by any who have not responded to date is needed on the part of every member and friend of First Christian to insure that we achieve or surpass our target goal of \$85,000. I ask with all that is within me that we express our prayerful decision so that we have the maximal response of our people and that we can move on to other tasks for the Kingdom.

Our Children's Choir will sing during our 10:45 A.M. Worship this Sunday. The sermon will be "GOOD NEWS COMES FROM GOD" based on Isaiah 42:1-12; 45:1-7; I Thessalonians 1:1-5a. I invite you to join in this  
(continued in column one)



SERVING OCTOBER 19

Elders

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm  
and Andy Crowe

10:45 A.M. Merle Rice  
and Charles Ludwig

Deacons

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, W. Bowen,  
E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. C. Cline, R. Baugher,  
S. Hayes, S. Rayl, D. Andrew

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, K.  
Place, M. Terry

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
S. Hayes, M. Finkhousen,  
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Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, S. Knuckles-SW,  
E. Klepfer-SE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson,  
Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Eric Jenkins, Rick  
Baugher

Communion Preparation

Delores Keebortz, Gladys Moore

Homebound Communion

Cecil Rice - Robert Johnson

Dean Widler - Daryl Markley

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph: 231-Mrs. Evelyn  
Yeoman

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OUT OF TOWN

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OUT OF TOWN AT HOME

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Each Sunday morning after our worship at 10:45 A.M., we have a Fellowship Hour downstairs for everyone. Coffee, Tea, Koolade and cookies are the normal. We invite you to go down and visit so that we may be acquainted. Mrs. Marge Lehman is now securing host families for this time. If you would volunteer to help host or to make cookies, call Marge--432-3197.

NEW PRAYER TIME AMONG STAFF

10:00 A.M. daily is the normal time to put phones on hold and have Scripture and prayer. This is open to all staff in the building or visitors daily at 10:00 A.M. If there are special prayer concerns, we would welcome a call to the church office before 10:00 A.M. any morning. We have an open door for this time of centering on God and praying for the church and persons.

D.M.A. AND C.W.F. TO FLINN HOME

The D.M.A. and CWF are combining a visit to the Emily Flinn Home on Tuesday, October 21. Cars will leave our Parking lot at 12:00 noon. Singing and Worship will be at the Home at 1:30 P.M. with plenty of time later for visiting the residents on a one-to-one basis. All women and all widows, widowers, retirees, and those over 60 are invited for this excursion. The October 21 is a changed date for the D.M.A. and replaces the regular October meeting.

TO THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Cline. Thank you very much for the Bible. It's very much.

Brian Taubert

(We thank Brian, one of our third graders who received a Bible recently from the church.)



## INSIDE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING OF OCTOBER 7

### WRITTEN REPORTS:

The Operating Fund remained in the black at the end of September with all Outreach commitments for the first quarter completed. Yet, our actual giving was only \$25,561.48 against our needs goal of \$27,331.85. We were ahead on giving during July but slipped back a bit in August and September. Regular giving is needed now! The Memorial and Special Gifts Fund indicated the heavy usage of the Church Vocation Scholarship Fund for the Summer Intern program and the two fall scholarship grants. It was reported that the Edna Saxon bequest is to be finalized in court this month in which the residue of the estate comes into our Memorial Funds according to our standing policies. The People Report showed strong movement from Non-Participating to Participating status by 15 and additions each month since July 1. This is a welcome change of direction in membership.

### ACTIONS:

The Property Committee was authorized to proceed immediately to secure plumbing help to repair the designated radiator valves and drains according to a survey of our equipment and some adjustments made by Power Plant Service. Action sustained the committee in the emergency repair of the south flat roof at a cost of \$389 by Dahm Roofing.

On recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee Dwain Graham was approved as a replacement for Barbara Blain as an elected representative of the congregation at large to the Board of Trustees. This action will come to the congregation for final approval.

The Board took favorable action on reviving the Triads of Intercessory Prayer daily among Board members. Assignments were made and personal contact to keep fresh on needs and concerns is to be made at least monthly or more often.

### PERSONAL REPORTING:

George Bruckman reported the smooth Kick Off Dinner of the Building Fund Campaign and the need for complete information to be shared towards a victory of \$85,000 in commitments. Evangelism reported 33 participants in the Retreat on September 13 and 110 in the Cluster meeting on Evangelism on October 2. Membership reported renewing the telephone contact program for those living alone and movement towards transportation for those needing rides. The Deaconate was reminded of the need to be sure to include chancel and choir areas in both offering and communion weekly. The Worship Committee was asked to investigate new Home Communion sets.

Miriam Bixenman reported the progress of the Education Committee on new policies and expected readiness for the November meeting of the Board. The new children's song fest during church school was well received on September 28 and the next will be October 26. Peg Buskirk is

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES (from page three)  
working Nursery regularly - during worship at 10:45 and Marlene Crouse is the new teacher for Grades 3 & 4. Children of Kindergarten through 6th are going "Trick or Treating for UNICEF on October 30 with a weiner roast following at the Flickinger Home.

Dr. Cline reported that Barbara Short returns to the church office on October 12 as regular secretary and Nancy Wortley returns to limited hours as assistant secretary. Dr. Cline leaves for a vacation in the East late on October 19 including a Wellspring Retreat at Dayspring Retreat Center of the Church of the Savior of Washington D.C. Steve Doles is leading the C.Y.F. who will lead worship on October 26 for Youth Sunday and there will be a Guest Preacher on November 2.

Present were 22 members, 1 guest, and 4 had sent regrets.

#### CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Our Chi Rho Youth are asking for newspaper for their drive on Saturday, October 26. Bring papers to the church building by October 25. Papers are stored on the Fellowship Hall stage by the youth and the final week on the SE stairway.

#### CHOIRS OPEN FOR MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir invites any high school youth or adult to regular rehearsals each Thursday from 7:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

The Youth Bell Choir invites all junior and senior high youth from 6:45 to 7:45 P.M. each Thursday.

The Children's Choir which will sing next Sunday morning invites Elementary age children to sing weekly after the sermonette under the leadership of Susan Jones.

The Men's Chorus which sang last Sunday both hours invites men every first and second Thursday of the month at 8:30.

The Swing Choir invites persons on the third and fourth Thursdays of the month at

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8:30 P.M.--This is tonight!

Sara Davis has instituted Practice tapes to help with rehearsal and for practicing by some with schedule conflicts on Thursday evenings. We host the Ecumenical Sing on Sunday, February 22, 1976.

#### CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

A special call is out this week for all youth of grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 to be present at C.Y.F. this Sunday night. The group is preparing for Youth Sunday on October 26 under the leadership of Steve Doles and Russ and Nancy Wortley. Come and join this opportunity for meaningful participation and leadership for our congregation.

#### CALL FOR CEILING PAINTERS

There will be a painting party at 8:00 A.M. this Saturday, October 18, to do ceilings in three classrooms. Open invitation to help!

#### SPECIAL RECONCILIATION GIVING

\$247.89 has been received as our World Communion offering for the work of Reconciliation. We thank each contributor to this over-and-above Outreach offering!



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## YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP

### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive  
2:00 P.M. Youth Sunday rehearsal  
8:00 P.M. Christians Under Construction Hayride (see p. 4)

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 YOUTH SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

7:30 P.M. Education Committee  
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:00 P.M. Trick or Treat for UNICEF  
6:45 P.M. Bell Choir  
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### PANTRY NEEDS

CANNED FRUIT, PORK & BEANS,

DIAPERS

Our CYF high schoolers will be leading our worship at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday. The theme of "RESPONSIBILITY" focusing on Family, Church, and Community will be presented by Chad Cline, Diana Wortley, and Cory Church. Melanie Baugher will present the Children's Sermonette. Other youth helping in leading worship include, Necia Stucker, Dan Church, Barbara Finkhousen, Carol Cline. Serving Communion will be Robbie Pauley, Kim Johnson, Mary Beth Chasar, Steve Frappier, Jim Shirley, Dan Church, Bill Schilling, Ken Taylor.

Music will be both contemporary and traditional. Sara Davis will sing for both services, accompanied by Steve Doles on guitar.

Communion will be led by Bill Schilling, Jr., Chad Cline, Ken Taylor, and Cory Church with Steve Doles presiding.

All youth participating in this service are asked to be present for the rehearsal on Saturday, October 25 at 2:00 P.M. in the nave.

COME AND SHARE WITH OUR YOUTH ON

SUNDAY!



SERVING OCTOBER 26

ELDERS, DEACONS, USHERS,  
AND GREETERS will be the  
youth from the CYF. The  
names of those participat-  
ing are listed on page  
one.

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Bruce Grimm and  
Scott Keebortz

10:45 A.M. Michele Reeves  
and Mai Pauley

Communion Preparation

Schellie Schell & Eileen Klepfen

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bob and Donna Johnson

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF AND  
HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children in Kindergarten thro-  
ugh grade six are asked to meet at  
the church at 4:00 P.M. on Thurs-  
day, October 30, in costume to go  
"Trick or Treating" for UNICEF.  
We will "Trick or Treat" in the  
area bounded by Rudisill, Lafayet-  
te, Pettit, and Gaywood. All  
children will be chaperoned as  
they go out, plus special police  
protection will be provided during  
those hours. Following the "Trick  
or Treating" we will go to the  
Ronald Flickinger home for a wein-  
er roast. There will be a prize  
for the funniest and for the scar-  
iest costume.

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 419 Mrs. Martha Warner  
(expects to be home 10/21)

OUT OF TOWN: Mrs. Dorothy Merri-  
man is in Cleveland Clinic but  
expects to be in Canton by  
10/24. Canton address:  
c/o Mrs. Howard Shearer  
3442 Croydon, NW  
Canton, Ohio, 44718

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Ernest  
Kattas and family in the death  
of his mother, Louise Kattas,  
whose funeral was Monday.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Mr.  
Grant Woodward in the recent  
death of his son-in-law, Mr.  
Tom Hahn.

WEDDING BY PASTOR

James Maurice Wrisk and Burna-  
dine Robbins on October 18, 1975.  
They are residing at 2826 Simcoe,  
Blackhawk Apartments, 46805.

PAPER DRIVE

This Saturday is the Chi Rho  
paper drive. All donations will  
be appreciated. Please bring pap-  
ers to the church by Friday, or no  
later than 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.  
If you cannot get your papers to  
the church, call the office before  
Thursday noon for pick up.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed: \$33,639.17  
Actual income to date: 31,554.75  
Income per week needed: 2,102.44  
Giving for 10/19/75: 2,290.57

We started above needs during  
July, but have slipped a bit since  
then. Let's be caught up since we  
move into heavier winter expenses.

# BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN REACHES HIGH LEVEL OF SUCCESS

## OUTPOURING OF PLEDGES

Our big week of effort has resulted in a tremendous outpouring of pledges and giving for our Building Fund. As we completed Victory Sunday, we stand at: \$75,326.05 in total pledges for a three year period by 173 pledgers. Through Sunday, October 19, we had received \$10,522 in cash gifts.

THE PROGRESS OF OUR BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN CAN BE SEEN IN THIS TABLE:

	No. of pledges	Total pledged	Average Pledge	% of Goal
Advanced Gifts	42	\$ 36,748.00	\$ 875	43 %
All Church Dinner	67	23,755.00	355	28 %
Follow Up to 10/20	64	14,823.05	232	18 %
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TOTALS TO DATE	173	\$ 75,326.05	\$ 435	89 %

## COMPLETING THE TASK

Several of our people will be completing the task of contacting this week. We ask the cooperation and quick response to their efforts. We desire for every member and friend to make some response to this intensive effort towards over-and-above giving. We invite immediate action by calling the church office, 744-3239, or my mailing a Pledge Card or written note giving your pledge for the coming 156 weeks.

All who made pledges will be receiving a letter acknowledgement this week as well as special Building Fund envelopes for November and December. Giving in regular envelopes needs to be clearly marked for Building Fund if it is so designated.

## SIGNIFICANT VICTORY

. We believe this is the largest commitment for capital needs in the history of First Christian. This is a victory!

. The depth commitment of many among the 173 pledgers is indicative of strong faith and dedication within our fellowship. This is a victory!

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## BUILDING FUND (from page three)

3. A significant personal ministry of interaction, relationship, communication, and visiting has happened among our people. People have worked together and learned to know other members. This is a people victory!

4. With an anticipated special blessing, we believe that we will achieve our total goal or more. This is an anticipated victory!

PRAISE GOD FOR THE VICTORY WHICH HE HAS GIVEN TO US!

## APPRECIATION

Special thanks goes to George Bruckman, Chairman and to Nancy Wortley, our Campaign Secretary. They headed the efforts of over a hundred persons serving on special committees and teams. We thank each and every worker! We thank each and every person for honest response to this campaign! We thank God for the victory which will improve facilities for coming worship, study fellowship, and service among us!

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## BAUMAN BIBLE TELECAST COMING

"God of our Fathers" is the title of the new TV series beginning on November 2 on WANE-TV, channel 15. The series is under the joint sponsorship of the Associated Churches and the Religious Committee of the Bicentennial Commission, and may be seen at 11:00 A.M. each Sunday. Homebound or those attending first service may wish to secure study guides for this series through the Associated Churches. The intent of the program is to strengthen our lives, not only as individuals but as a nation.

## CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO HAVE WEINER ROAST

The young couple's class (known as "Christians Under Construction" is having a hayride and weiner roast this Saturday at 8:00 P.M. The party will be hosted by Mike and Debbie Brian, and is being held at the home of John and Susie Klingenberger. Their farm is reached by going south on Bluffton Road (rt. 1) to Yoder Road. Turn right on Yoder Road (at the Phillips 66 station) and go to the second stop sign. The farm is on that corner. For reservations call Mike or Debbie at 743-0111 before 4:00 or 432-5600 after 5:00. Dean and Elsie Widler and Joe Wiley are teachers of the class.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### TURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

30 P.M. College & Career meet  
to go to Faith at Work  
00 P.M. Faith at Work, Simpson  
United Methodist Church lounge  
NDAY, NOVEMBER 2

15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
30 A.M. Church School  
:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
30 P.M. Youth Groups  
00 P.M. Celebration Worship  
NDAY, NOVEMBER 3

:00 A.M. Study Group  
30 P.M. Brummel Group, Ramona  
Ketner, 5232 Sherrill  
ESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

00 A.M. Kepple Group, Ruby  
Johns, 1635 Spring Street  
30 P.M. Board of Trustees  
DNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

00 A.M. Spice Group, Judy  
Church, 5126 Werling  
45 P.M. Higdon Group, Ina  
Smith, 4321 Champlain  
URSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

45 P.M. Bell Choir  
30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
30 P.M. Men's Chorus  
IDAY, NOVEMBER 7

:00 Noon World Community Day  
Trinity United Methodist Church

## GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY

Mr. Richard Skooglund, who is the Associate Director of Development at Christian Theological Seminary, will be our guest preacher in both the 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. worship hours this Sunday.

A native of Vancouver, Washington, Mr. Skooglund received his education from Northwest Christian College, Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary. He has served pastorates in Idaho, Indiana, and Washington.

Mr. Skooglund's responsibilities at the Seminary include student recruitment, alumni relations and local church relations. He visits more than forty undergraduate colleges and universities annually, counseling students regarding admission to CTS. He serves as executive officer for the Seminary Alumni Association and he maintains relationships with local church representatives in the Christian Church congregations in Indiana, Michigan, the Northeastern area, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Mr. Skooglund's sermon will be "Throwing Caution to the Wind". The Scripture is Mark 10:46-52.

The 8:15 service will be taped to be aired at 10:30 A.M. over WGL

SERVING NOVEMBER 2

Elders

8:15 A.M. Robert Rayl and  
Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and  
Harold Crowder

Deacons

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, D. Keebortz,  
B. Lehman, M. Lehman

10:45 A.M. R. Krull, R. Baugher,  
E. Klepfer, D. Young, S. Hayes,  
E. Conrad, R. Wortley, M.L. Hart-  
zler

Ushers

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Lud-  
wig, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
M. Byers, R. Wortley, H. Steven-  
son

Greeters

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW  
Marge Lehman-SW

10:45 A.M. A. Dare-NW, G.  
Moore-SW, P. Buskirk-NE, M.  
Cook-SE

Acolytes

8:15 A.M. Anne & Kathy Lee

10:45 A.M. Brenna & Lorinda Ruble

Communion Preparation

Schellie Schell & Eileen Klepfer

Homebound Communion

William Love-Max Finkhousen

Merle Grimm-Scott Rayl

Coffee Hour Hosts

Bill & Joan Franklin

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph 603 Mrs. Ola McLin  
Lutheran 414 Mrs. Martha Warner  
M-104 Mr. Terry King

OUT OF TOWN:

Mrs. Dorothy Merriman  
c/o Mrs. Howard Shearer  
3442 Croydon, NW  
Canton, Ohio, 44718

RADIO BROADCAST

Our 8:15 A.M. Worship Hour will be taped and played from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. over WGL during each Sunday of November. We call attention to our homebound or sick to share in our worship by listening to the radio. Tell your neighbors to tune in to our worship each Sunday of November at 10:30 A.M.

OCTOBER AVERAGES:

Worship	292
Church School	144
Budget Giving	\$1,834.84
Building Fund	3,866.00

NEW MEMBER DURING OCTOBER

Karen Elkins

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed	\$35,741.61
Actual Income to date	33,000.85
Income per week needed	2,102.44
Giving for 10/26	1,446.10

THANKS TO PAINTERS:

Our thanks to Russ Wortley, Steve Harter, Jim Ruble, Rocky Baugher, George Davis, and Joe Wiley who painted the ceilings of rooms 130, 132, and 133 on Saturday, October 18. Thanks so much!

OUR THANKS

We wish to thank all of our friends at First Christian Church for all the prayers, cards, and visits during my recent surgery and extended recovery. I expect to be partially back in the groove in about a month.

Fred & Rychie Smell

### BUILDING FUND GIVING

The Building Fund pledge period begins November 1, 1975. Please mark your envelopes clearly for the amount you are paying towards the Building Fund and your regular support giving. Special Building Fund envelopes were mailed out to be used for this purpose, but if it is more convenient to use one giving envelope, we do need to have it properly marked on the outside of the envelope in order to give credit towards your pledge. Our new envelopes for 1976 will have a special line on them for marking Building Fund Giving. The special envelopes will also be in the pew holders.

### CHILDREN TO "TRICK OR TREAT" FOR UNICEF

Our boys and girls from Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to come to the church Thursday evening at 4:00 P.M., dressed in Halloween costume, to go "Trick or Treating" for UNICEF. There will be prizes for the funniest and for the most original costumes. Following the "Trick or Treating", we will go to the Ron Flickinger home for a Halloween party and weiner roast. Children will be returned to the church to be picked up at 7:30. If small (or older youth witches and goblins come to your door, whether from this church or not, we urge you to give for this worthy cause, which helps children in need around the world. The annual drive is sponsored by the Associated Churches in Fort Wayne and the city is divided  
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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4 AT 7:30 P.M. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO MAKE THIS A REAL PRIORITY, FOR THE IMPORTANT BUSINESS OF DECIDING IN WHAT AREA AND WHEN TO BEGIN ON THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, NOW THAT MONEY FROM THE CAMPAIGN HAS BEGUN TO COME IN. PLEASE COME IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, BUT IF IT IS COMPLETELY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO ATTEND, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE.

### FAITH AT WORK

The November meeting of the interdenominational Faith at Work group will be this Saturday evening at 8:00 P.M. at the Simpson United Methodist Church, 2501 S. Harrison, at Suttentfield. Program includes Mini Conference reflections and small group interactions, led by Libby Newhall and Jan Carlstrom, plus special sharing by Bonnie Smith.

### WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

World Community Day will be on Friday, November 7, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 509 Putnam. Reservations, at \$2.00 each are necessary and must be made with Connie Wells, 445-9953, by November 1.

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among the cooperative groups, so that only one person should come to your door asking donations for this cause.



## REGIONAL CYF FALL EVENT

The Regional Fall Event for High School Youth will be November 14 and 15 at the First Christian Church, Lafayette. Theme of the event is "I Can Make a Difference! The theme will be developed through a simulation game specially designed for the event by Neil Topliffe, of our General Staff and will be climaxed by a drama, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", presented by the Christian Theological Seminary players, followed by closing worship. Cost is \$2.50 to our youth, with this church paying an equal amount for those attending. Registrations, accompanied by the money, are necessary by this Sunday, November 2. Please bring to Nancy Wortley. All in grades 9-12 are invited to attend. Those who went to San Antonio will especially want to go to renew acquaintances from that experience. Our own Chad Cline is Regional CYF president this year.

## CHI RHO WEINER ROAST AND HAYRIDE

Our Chi Rho group and the Chi Rho Group from West Creighton Christian Church will have a weiner roast and hayride this Sunday, November 2, at the Stine Farm on routh 24 West. Those Junior High youth are asked to meet on the church parking lot at 4:00 P.M. to go to the farm. Bring \$1.00 to help pay for the cost of the ride and your own

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## COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Many people enjoy the time following the 10:45 Worship Hour we call the "Coffee Hour" when they can visit informally in Fellowship Hall. Member families take turns hosting these times. Mrs. Marge Lehman is in charge of scheduling these persons. Persons have been scheduled through the end of February and are listed in the serving schedule on page two of TIDINGS each week. If you are scheduled and find you cannot serve, please secure a substitute and call the church office so that we can announce it properly.

## COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP TO FAITH AT WORK

The College and Career Group will meet at the church at 7:30 P. M. this Saturday, November 1, so that they may attend the Faith at Work meeting together.

## CHI RHO WEINER ROAST (from column one)

weiners and buns. Everything else will be provided. We will return to the parking lot about 7:00 P.M. for youth to be picked up. Guests are welcome.

## PANTRY NEEDS

DIAPERS  
PEANUT BUTTER  
CANNED VEGETABLES

NOVEMBER 4 IS ELECTION DAY!!

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
30 A.M. Church School  
8:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
30 P.M. Youth Groups  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10

30 P.M. Fellowship Guild,  
Melba Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esp.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Hazel  
House, 6502 S. Calhoun

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

30 P.M. Nelson Group, Edna  
Ardbloom, 5319 Fairfield

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor  
8:45 P.M. Bell Choir  
30 P.M. Chancel Choir  
30 P.M. Men's Chorus

### FRIDAY and SATURDAY, NOVEMBER

14 and 15

State CYF Retreat in Lafayette

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:00 A.M. Christian Education  
Workshop, Forest Park Methodist  
Church, teachers of grades 1-6.

#### PANTRY NEEDS

CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREALS,  
DIAPERS

## DEAR FELLOW PILGRIMS IN CHRIST:

I really let go for two weeks of vacation and sensed very much being out of it as I returned to the office on Monday. Yet, I rejoice in several things about this fall vacation experience.

First, I want to express deep appreciation to several who have carried on here. Thanks to our C.Y.F. youth and their leaders for a Youth Sunday experience in worship which has received much favorable comment which has sifted to me. Thanks to Richard Skooglund for the message which he brought last Sunday. Thanks to Miriam Bixenman for taking many of my responsibilities, including hospital work, Tidings, and several groups. Thanks to Nancy Wortley for wrapping up the Building Campaign work and Barbara Short for handling items which have come to the office. Thanks to each and every one who carried on and who proved the church is not dependent upon one person.

Secondly, I drank deeply from the Wellspring experience which was an orientation to the life and people of the Church of the Savior of Washington, D.C. It was thrilling

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SERVING NOVEMBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and  
Steve Harter  
10:45 A.M. Robert Hendricks  
and Dean Widler

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. J. Olson, E. Place,  
D. Keebortz, K. Place  
10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom, R.  
Johnson, R. Krull, S. Rayl,  
S. Schell, J. Taylor, N. Andrew,  
D. Short

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, J. Olson  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
M. Finkhousen, T. Frappier, D.  
Markley

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, C. Lee-  
SW  
10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, K. Banet-  
NW, E. Nordblom-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Stephen & Stuart Crebb  
10:45 A.M. J. Wortley & T. Sauer-  
wein

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Schellie Schell & Eileen Klepfer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Singles Class

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 596 Mrs. Lillian Scott  
St. Joseph: 613 Mrs. Ola McLin  
Parkview: S211 Mr. Mac McNamee  
428 Mrs. Nellie Roe

MINISTER EMERITUS:

We have received word that Rev.  
Barton Johnson, Minister Emeritus,  
is in the hospital again. Their  
home address is: 3908 Lori Dr.  
Apt. C-7, Erlanger, KY 41018.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed	\$37,844.05
Actual Income to date	35,498.55
Income per week needed	2,102.44
Giving for 11/2	2,497.69

UPDATE ON BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

180 Pledges  
\$77,084.05 Total Pledged  
\$12,894.29 Received to Date

DEATH OF MEMBER

Mrs. Ethel Busch, on October 30,  
1975. She had been a member since  
May, 1958. Rev. Don McCord of  
West Creighton Christian Church  
held the Memorial Service since  
Dr. Cline was out of town.

THANK YOU

To thank you for your kindness  
and sympathy at a time when it  
was deeply appreciated. We all  
want to thank you and the church  
for the very beautiful yellow  
mums. They were appreciated very  
much.

Roberta Crebb,  
Stephana, Stuart, Stephen,  
Sherri, Scott, and Sandy

HONOR TO BOARD MODERATOR

Jack Weicker was recently in-  
ducted into the Quarter Century  
Club at South Side High School  
where he is principal.

FRUIT CAKES FOR SALE

The Kepple Group has fruit  
cakes for sale--\$1.40 each. Call  
Virginia Bruckman, 485-0168.



## "GOD OF OUR FATHERS"

This T.V. series for our Bicentennial celebration led by Edward Bauman began last Sunday morning. It is weekly at 11:00 A.M. on Sundays on Channel 15-WANE-TV. This series affirms that our Founding Fathers were basically religious men. The richness of our national heritage is blended with the religious traditions and convictions of the fathers of our country.

A study guide for \$3.50 is available from Associated Churches. This is a rich opportunity for those unable to be our on Sunday morning to share in a significant and developing Christian education experience.

## WANTING TO CANVAS FOR HUNGER?

A Kick-Off Dinner for the Allen County CROP Drive will be held at North Christian Church on November 13. Workers for solicitation are needed. Call Dr. Cline if you would be interested in working to meet hunger needs through this annual financial drive in our community. Indiana led the nation last year in money raised to give aid through CROP. Here is an opportunity to fight a current world problem.

## CALL FOR YOUTH AND ADULT SINGERS

Come to Choir Rehearsals at 7:30 P.M. on Thursdays -- more singers are needed for Christmas music. The Choir is singing at the Christ Child Festival also.

## FORUM ON SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES

### TO BE SPONSORED BY PACE

PACE (Public Action in Correctional Effort) is sponsoring a FORUM ON SENTENCING ALTERNATIVES to be held November 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. at the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

The purpose for the FORUM grows out of the question of what is the appropriate disposition (sentencing) of persons accused of criminal acts. Intellegient discussion of the issues of punishment for criminal acts and equal justice in the implementation of sentencing is essential at a time when Indiana and other states, as well as the federal government, are considering proposals to alter the existing manner of sentencing.

Speakers for the forum include: Stephen Munnich, Mutual Agreement Programming Coordinator for the State of Maryland; Harold C. Roddy, Director of Work Release, Indiana Department of Correction, and David Rothenbery, Executive Director, Fortune Society, New York City.

Local persons serving on the panel include: Clifton Dickerson, an ex-prisoner, Thomas Freuchtenicht, State Legislator, Tim Peterson, IUPUI Campus Minister, and Judge Philip Thieme, Allen County Superior Court.

Among the Cooperating Organizations sponsoring the Forum are: The Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County and Department of Church in Society, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

DEAR FELLOW PILGRIM from page one

to relate and share in the experience of these Christians who emphasize silence before God, commitment expressed in worship, giving, and time discipline of Bible reading, prayer, study, and journaling, calling of God through self and the community, and mission to their community and to the world of others. The Christian dynamism of these people was evident and catching.

Thirdly, my worship last Sunday was within the fellowship of Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Lafayette. The tone of the church from entering the parking lot through worship and in personal conversations indicated that Jesus is alive. Ruby and I had been invited to share this coming weekend on a Faith at Work team for this congregation. This was one of my "no's" for this fall! The anticipation and expectations are high and I feel confident that they will have a great experience.

My vacation also opened the door for time with my personal family and with friends along the way. Ruby and I were able to absorb much of the fall colors and beauty across Pennsylvania, around Washington, in New England clear out to the tip of Cape Cod, and back across New York and Niagara Falls.

As I return I sense several important things among us as a people:

1. Our Building Fund pledges have exceeded \$77,000 now with 180 commitments. Thanks for this encouragement and now the work begins to accomplish our dreams!

2. This is November and we bring special amounts of foodstuffs for the Pantry into Worship. We invite you to highlight this ongoing program again in this Thanksgiving season. Bring your foodstuffs to worship each Sunday! We also have the special focus on our worship by the weekly broadcast at 10:30 A.M. Homebound and sick are especially urged to take advantage of this November special.

3. This is a great time to worship--summer cottages are closed, most have not left for Florida yet, snow and ice are not here! Do you hear the word? Many common blocks are gone--let's take advantage and converge together in the regular worship of God.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

*Harold E. Clunie*

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#### UNICEF REPORT

Last Thursday evening some 26 children in Kindergarten through 6th grade went out from the church to "Trick of Treat" for UNICEF. They collected \$55.03. At the Halloween Party prizes for the most original costume went to the little pumpkin, Amylu Rice, and for the funniest to Eric Jenkins, who was dressed as a beautiful, but fat, lady. Our thanks to the Flickingers, and to Val Taylor, Bea Rice, Joyce Crowe, Harold and Ramona Ketner, and Eunice Conrad, who drove.

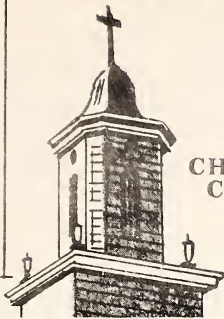
In addition, our Boy Scouts collected \$37.34 which gives us a total of \$92.37.



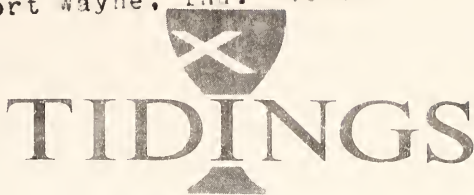
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### CHURCH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
6:00 P.M. Gospel Seeker's Supper  
Jerry Zimmermans, 4223 Beaver  
7:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12:15 P.M. CWF Executive Committee  
2:00 P.M. CWF Harvest Tea

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:30 P.M. Bell Choir  
8:30 P.M. Pastoral Relations  
Cluster, North Christian  
9:30 P.M. Swing Choir

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:15 P.M. Celebremos Service  
in Indianapolis

#### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

We are hosting a special worship service at 7:30 Wednesday, November 26. There will be a focus on Choir music and a meditation by John Tobian, Calvary Presbyterian.

#### PANTRY NEEDS: CEREALS, SOUPS

#### DIAPERS

## "CELEBREMOS"

This Spanish word means "to celebrate with thanksgiving." The Christian Church in Indiana is doing that on Friday, November 21 in a recognition service of the retirement of the \$1,400,000 debt through the Appeal for Response in Faith.

We as a congregation gave over \$42,000 for the debt retirement and other capital outreach needs including our designated gift of \$15,000 for a room at the Flinn Home in Marion. This special celebration will be held at 7:15 P.M. on Friday the 21st at Christian Theological Seminary. Others interested in participating should contact Dr. Cline or Mrs. Bixenman.

This emphasis of "thanksgiving" is also characteristic of worship this month. All of us can grow in the cultivation of "the attitude of gratitude." These are the sermon themes

11/9 was "THANKSGIVING FOR MUCH"  
11/16 - "THANKSGIVING TO OTHERS"  
11/23 - "THANKSGIVING TO GOD"

We are also suggesting an outpouring of Pantry gifts as an expressing of Thanksgiving this month. We invite these to be shared during the Offering  
(continued on page four)



SERVING NOVEMBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig  
and William Love

10:45 A.M. William Schilling  
and Merle Grimm

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, W. Bowen,  
J. Olson, K. Place

10:45 A.M. D. Andrew, N. Andrew,  
M. Lehman, B. Lehman, M. Crouse,  
K. Banet, S. Knuckles, D. Young

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Ludwig, J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, M. Byers

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, S.  
Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-NW, E. Klepper-SW, G. Moore-NE, E. Conrad-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson  
and Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Kevin Bozarth and  
Brian Ruble

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HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Ralph Church-Kenneth Place

Mark Snyder-Ken Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Andrea Benny & Sally Cotton

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 332 Mrs. Jessie Woodward  
488 Mrs. Mildred Sarrazin

Parkview: S211 Mr. Mac McNamee  
428 Mrs. Nellie Roe

422 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

St. Joseph: 613 Mrs. Ola McLin

DEATH OF MINISTER EMERITUS

Several years ago, the church voted to recognize Barton A. Johnson as Minister Emeritus of our congregation. He had served here with distinction from 1934 to 1938 and then came back in a strong interim Pastorate in 1966-67. He died last week in Covington, Kentucky after being in ill health for several years. We extend sympathy and love to his wife, Vivian. Her address is 3908 Lori Drive, Apt. C-7, Erlanger, Kentucky, 41018. Burial was in Lexington on Saturday and a Memorial Service was held on Sunday in Madison Avenue Christian Church in Covington.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed \$39,946.49

Actual Income to date 37,750.04

Income per week needed 2,102.44

Giving for 11/9 2,251.49

CWF HARVEST TEA

All women of the congregation are invited to the CWF Harvest Tea Monday, November 17, at 1:00 P.M. in the Parlor. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman will review the book, "Epistles to the Apostles" by Colin Morris. The Spice and Rivera Groups will be hostesses. The Spice Group will lead worship.

THANK YOU

First Christian Church:

Thanks to Rev. Cline for his visits and prayers while I was in the hospital, and also thanks to the C.W.F. for the card. It was so nice to be remembered.

Blanche B. Tucker

FRUIT CAKES - Kepple Group - \$1.40  
Call Virginia Bruckman 485-0168 or  
Mary Cook 456-4930.

## SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - November 4, 1975

The treasurer's report showed an operating fund deficit for the first time since July 1. This red figure of \$1,906.21 reflects the continuing shortage in program support giving.

At the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee, the Board approved a document "Guide for Workers in the Christian Education Department". This policy document will be submitted to the congregation for approval as one of the standing policies of the church.

The total of 181 pledges amounting to \$77,240.05 was reported for the Building Fund Campaign. The Board then moved to accrue 22½% of all receipts to use for Capital Outreach Projects. This is taking the mid position between the 20% and 25% figures approved by the congregation in June and used in Campaign publicity.

The Property Committee was authorized to obtain bids and proceed as quickly as possible on the renovation of Educational areas and new folding doors. The June bids totalled \$31,933 for this work. The other projects are to be rebid and these submitted for consideration at the next meeting. The Finance Committee is to do an assessment of financial resources and prepare to recommend action towards obtaining necessary funds for the work completion.

A letter of resignation from Michael Terry from the Board of Trustees, the Board of Diaconate, and Stewardship and Finance Committee was received and accepted with regret.

The Property Committee reported on paint vandalism on the outside north wall of the Worship Nave and action to clean it off. They are also reviewing insurance and have received a bid for radiator repairs.

21 members of the Board were present.

### PANTRY REPORT (July through September 1975)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Referrals (food 53 clothing 21)	74
Days of food	152
Adults served	71
Children served	134
Total Individual meals	<u>1,794</u>

#### CLOTHING NEEDS:

Adults	9
Children	51

CELEBREMOS (from page one)  
tory and brought to the Chancel  
Area. This underscores our concern  
for others as we celebrate  
with thanksgiving!

#### SERVING OTHERS ON LAY WITNESS MISSIONS

*Ingrid Von Buchler* served on  
a team coordinated by Ray Fred-  
ericks at the Mt. Summit Christ-  
ian Church on October 17-19.  
*Chad Cline* served last weekend in  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
in Berne. This weekend, *Rocky,*  
*Lee,* and *Melanie Baugher* will be  
on the Team at the Central Chris-  
tian Church in Elkard where Harry  
Dawson is coordinating and Kent  
Borgaard and Joyce Naile are  
staff for the congregation. On  
Sunday, *Ruby Cline* will be inter-  
preting this Lay Witness Program  
for First Christian in Gas City  
during Church School and a pre-  
sentation during worship.

We invite prayers in behalf  
of those going this weekend. We  
are asking LWM teammembers to in-  
form the office of weekends sch-  
eduled and to share in special  
commissioning at Celebration Wor-  
ship on the Sunday ahead of each  
Mission.

#### GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS SUPPER

A supper meeting, at 5:00 this  
Sunday the 16th is planned for  
those of Gospel Seekers Class. It  
will be held at the Jerry Zimmer-  
mans, 4223 Beaver. A decision  
will be made on a new course of  
study. Call 744-5698 by the 14th.

#### FROM THE FLINN HOME

Dear Friends:

Recently we received your gifts  
of cakes, books, craft supplies,  
linens, money, jewelry, etc. at  
the Emily E. Flinn Home.

We appreciate your helping us  
meet some of the needs of our res-  
idents and bringing an extra ray  
of sunshine into the lives of this  
"Your Other Family".

May the Lord continue to bless  
you in the work of the church.

Sincerely,  
George L. Florence  
Administrator

#### YOUTH PROGRAM: "EUTHANASIA"

Dr. Thomas Hayhurst will speak  
and lead discussion for a combined  
session of C.Y.F. and Young Sin-  
gles at 5:30 P.M., Sunday, Novem-  
ber 23. The focus is on "Euthan-  
asia". All from freshmen in high  
school through our College and Car-  
eer Young Adults are invited.

Miriam Bixenman, Carol & Chad  
Cline, Necia Strucker, Ken Taylor,  
Diana & Nancy Wortley are leaving  
at 3:30 P.M. Friday for the Reg-  
ional Youth Event in Lafayette.  
Each needs a sleeping bag and  
money for evening meals enroute  
both nights.

#### SPECIAL CHOIR TIMES:

Note that Bell Choir will meet  
at 6:30 P.M. next Wednesday and  
the Men's Chorus at 7:30 the same  
evening.

#### TO NURSING HOME

Mrs. Lillian Scott is now res-  
iding in Room 119 of St. Anne's  
Home, 1900 Randalia, 46805.



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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:15 P.M. Celebremos-Service of -  
Thanksgiving in Indianapolis

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 P.M. College & Career to  
Hockey Game

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

8:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

1:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Movie, TIME TO RUN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 P.M. Christian Education  
Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck

7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral  
Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

7:30 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Wor-  
ship

8:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

SUNDAY MORNING 8:15 and 10:45

"THANKSGIVING TO GOD" is the ser-  
mon theme of this special Sunday.  
The Men's Chorus is singing at both  
hours and will be joined by the Ch-  
ancel Choir and Children's Choir at  
10:45 A.M. Thanksgiving gifts of  
food will be brought to our Chancel  
Cornucopia and our special Thanks-  
giving offering undergirds the out-  
reach of the church. Our early ser-  
vice is taped and used over WGL at  
10:30 A.M. at 1250 on the radio dial.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Wednesday night, November 26, at  
7:30 P.M. in our Worship Nave. Dr.  
Cline is presiding at this musical  
Thanksgiving experience. Several  
choirs of the area are singing as  
well as special solos and groups  
from our cluster of churches. Rev.  
John Tobian of Calvary Presbyterian  
Church will bring a Thanksgiving  
Meditation. Our Choir is singing,  
"And God Said, Let the Earth".

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY NIGHT

"TIME TO RUN" - A Billy Graham  
Film will be shown at 7:00 P.M. See  
page four for details.

PANTRY NEEDS: Large Grocery  
Sacks - Powdered Milk - Canned  
Vegetables - Soups

SERVING NOVEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman  
and Merle Rice

10:45 A.M. Andrew Crowe  
and Glenn Miller

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, K.  
Place, E. Place

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, R. Baugher,  
R. Johnson, C. Cline, J. Taylor, K.  
Taylor, D. Andrew, B. Lehman

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevelier,  
M. Finkhousen, S. Hayes, J. Wiley

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-NW, E. Place-SW

10:45 A.M. A. Dare-NW, M. Cook-SW,  
P. Buskirk-NE, N. Andrew-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. B. Grimm, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. S. Melchi, L. Sauerwein

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IN HOSPITALS

Parkview 715 Mr. Fred Smell

5211 Mr. Mac McNamee

428 Mrs. Nellie Roe

319 Mrs. Carolyn Kerley

422 Mrs. Helen Sheerin

St. Joseph 623 Mrs. Helen Craig

Lutheran 498 Mrs. Mildred Sarrazen

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed \$42,048.93

Actual Income to date 39,417.60

Income per week needed 2,102.44

Giving for 11/16 1,667.56

PASTOR SERVES LARGER CHURCH

Dr. Cline was in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday of this week meeting on the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church. On Friday, he will be sharing in the Regional Board meeting and then will stay for the Celebremos afterward.

COLLEGE AND CAREER GROUP will be meeting at the church at 7:00 P.M. Saturday to go to the Hockey Game. Chili and hot chocolate afterwards. Everyone welcome!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS:

"To my good friends at  
First Christian"

Your many messages of Christian concern, cheer, and sympathy have meant more to me than you realize. Thank you all so very much.

I hope to be seeing you before too long.

Gratefully,  
Dorothy M. Merriman

Thank you all for prayers, notes, cards, telephone calls, and visits both in the hospital and now since taking residence in St. Anne's.

Lillian Scott

The family of Barton A. Johnson acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the lovely bouquet for our dear Barton's Memorial. He loves First Christian and has watched with great interest your program for the Kingdom Building in Fort Wayne.

Lovingly,  
Vivian Johnson



# RAISE HIM

# FOR HIS BOUNTY

"November means giving special praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord. When you think of November, you think of the Pilgrims--and remember that you are a Pilgrim--'traveling up the King's highway.' You think of worship as the central experience of the Christian's life.

"The sense of celebration and upliftment is most characteristic of genuine black church worship. The best black worship experience is a total experience. There is something for the head to think on, the heart to feel and the hand to grasp and do. Most assuredly there is something for the heart to feel. I have yet to meet a worshipper--black or white--learned or unlearned--who does not appreciate the benefits of such a worship experience.

"November brings a focus on worship as praise and thanksgiving. And we have much for which to be thankful." --W.K. Fox in UPDATE, November 1974

And much to cause despair. This time last year millions of people were threatened with starvation. No one knows how many deaths were caused or contributed to by starvation. Hundreds of millions of people live on such scanty rations that they are perpetually undernourished, and one harvest failure means almost certain death by starvation, especially for the children.

Our own budgets have been tightened. Some people have lost jobs; many have found that they must do without and cut back in order to make ends meet.

But we are thankful that we are still able to share, through the church, with others who in the normal course of events have less of the world's bounty than we do. We are thankful that we can support, through the church, programs aimed at making a more just distribution of the world's resources. We are thankful that we can support ministries of mercy to the elderly in our own communities through our outreach giving; homes with hospital care when it is needed, gifts of money to supplement inadequate pensions of retired ministers and missionaries. We are thankful that we can support ministries to our youth through our outreach giving; colleges and seminaries where tomorrow's leaders are being imbued with Christian principles today. We are thankful that we can reach around the world in teaching, healing ministries; that make it possible for the Christian Church to act as a unit to strengthen individual congregations.

THE THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES OR THE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES IN THE TS PLUS THE TOTAL CHURCH SCHOOL OFFERING OF NOVEMBER 23 GOES FOR THIS DERGIRDING OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES.



## MOVIE: TIME TO RUN SUNDAY EVENING 7:00 P.M.

We invite all our friends and members and guests this coming Sunday evening at 7:00 as we show the color movie, TIME TO RUN. This is produced by the World Wide Pictures for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Film Ministry.

TIME TO RUN stars Ed Nelson, Randall Carver, Barbara Sigel, Joan Winmill and Gordon Rigsby. Nelson plays Warren Cole, a hard driving success-orientated industrial and scientific engineer who because of over-involvement with his work, has failed to communicate with his wife Fran, or their son Jeff.

TIME TO RUN allows the viewer to become involved on any one or more of three different levels. Viewed purely as entertainment, it's the suspenseful story of Jeff's attempts at sabotage in the nuclear generating plant, conceived, designed and managed by his father. Jeff feels strongly that the plant is a threat to the environment, and puts his feelings into action.

Viewed on the emotional level, TIME TO RUN is the deeply moving drama of the conflicts that tear a family apart--conflicts between husband and wife and father and son.

Approached from a religious perspective, TIME TO RUN is a story of friction between Jeff and his girlfriend Michelle. Michelle has discovered a religious dimension in her life and this confuses Jeff who has little time "for a God who would allow war, hatred, and suffering on earth."

TIME TO RUN is a film that can help strengthen love relationships between people. It's a film that was made for families to attend together

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### SERVING IN OTHER CONGREGATIONS

Dean and Elsie Widler are co-ordinating a Lay Witness Mission at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield this weekend. Also serving on this team are Chad Cline, Ken Taylor, Steve Doles, Nancy Wortley, Marlene Crouse, Rocky, Lee and Melanie Baugher.

Harold and Ruby Cline are leading a Serendipity experience at the Union Chapel Church of the Brethren of Nappanee this Sunday afternoon and evening. Pray for these that they might be used to bring a warmth of love and the presence of Christ.

### D.M.A. NOVEMBER MEETING

The D.M.A. holds their regular Potluck at 12:00 noon next Tuesday the 25th in Fellowship Hall. Members of the steering committee will do set up and prepare bread and drink. The program will include an informal sing led by the Ripples and games led by Miriam Bixenman.

### PROGRAM FOR YOUTH & SINGLES

This Sunday at 5:30 P.M. Dr. Thomas Hayhurst will speak and lead discussion for combined CYF and Singles.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 Advent Begins

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
6:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Nancy  
Terry, 2629 Stinson  
9:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling  
10:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral  
Relations Committee

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Sarah  
Smith, 3927 Meda Pass  
9:30 P.M. Stewardship & Finance  
10:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:00 A.M. Spice Group, Rychie  
Smell, 4126 Roxton Lane  
9:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Hall's  
Resturant, 5730 S. Anthony

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
9:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

COUNTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK,  
MAIN DISH DINNERS, SOUPS,  
CANNED FRUIT

## ADVENT -- ANTICIPATION

Sunday begins the season of Advent in the church. This is not just a long and early Christmas season. Rather, these weeks provide a background or context so that we can better celebrate the birth of Christ. Basic Biblical preaching and study provide an authentic background for the celebration of Jesus' coming into the world. Advent anticipates the tremendous act of God in the birth of Jesus.

Prepare for Christmas by joining in the four preparatory Sundays till Christmas.

### November 30

"LIVING BY PROMISE" Jeremiah  
33:14-16; I Thessalonians 3:9-13;  
Luke 21:25-36

### December 7

"PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE" Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### December 14

"KNOWING HIS PRESENCE" Zecharias 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7;  
Luke 3:7-18

### December 21

"THE POWER OF GOD" Micah 5:2-4;  
Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55



SERVING NOVEMBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and  
Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
William Franklin

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. W. Bowen, J. Olson,  
R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. S. Schell, M. Crouse,  
M.L. Hartzler, D. Short, J. Tay-  
lor, E. Conrad, S. Hayes, E. Klep-  
fer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
R. Baugher

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
H. Stevenson, D. Markley, T. Frap-  
pier

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher-NW, D. Kee-  
bortz-SW

10:45 A.M. G. Moore-SW, M. Leh-  
man-SE, S. Schell-NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Anne & Kathy Lee

10:45 A.M. Nancy & Anne Frappier

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rosemary Krull & Mary Lou Hartzler

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Andrew Crowe

Ben Taylor - Bruce Lehman

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview S211 - Mr. Mac McNamee

RELEASED FROM HOSPITALS OVER

WEEKEND: Mrs. Mildred Sarrazin,  
Mrs. Linda Hendrickson & son, Eve-  
lyn Yeoman, Fred Smell, William  
DeViney, and Helen Sheerin

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Roger and Linda Hendrickson,  
a son, Randy Stuart, on 11/17/75.  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harshbarger  
are maternal grandparents.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jones, 1727  
N. Highlands Blvd., 08 (426-0192)  
identified with us in transfer of  
membership this past Sunday. They  
come to us from North Highlands  
Church of Christ, but earlier had  
belonged to Central Christian in  
Anderson. Calvin is employed in  
the Slaughter Wholesale House and  
Leatha is in Purchasing at Park-  
view Hospital. They have two  
grown sons and three grandchildren.  
We welcome this couple into our  
fellowship in our Lord Jesus!

SPECIAL THANKSGIVING OFFERING

\$345.92 was received in this  
special giving to date. Let's  
make it \$500 by this coming Sunday  
evening. This giving goes for  
basic operational support of mis-  
sion, education, benevolence, and  
general and regional work.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

We rejoiced in 287 in our wor-  
ship at 10:45 and a total of 402  
worshippers Sunday! Let's be  
building during Advent!

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed	\$44,151.37
Actual Income to date	41,159.58
Income per week needed	2,102.44
Giving for 11/23	1,741.98

THANK YOU LETTER

My Dear Friends

"Next to the gift of eternal  
life, I have found, is the gift of  
eternal friendships. Your kind  
thoughts, comforting words, pre-  
cious deeds and holy remembrances  
have given me the strength, cour-  
age, and hope so to live that I  
may be worthy of your continuing  
love."  
Vivian Johnson



## ADVENT SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

**ADVENT WREATH** - We will build and prepare for Christmas as we light candles progressively on the Advent Wreath each Sunday morning and the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve. The new purple paraments will be on the pulpit, lecturn, and communion table during Advent.

**HOLIDAY DINNER** - Sunday, December 14 at 12:15 P.M.

Turkey, ham, rolls, drink will be furnished. It is a covered dish meal and each will bring their own table service. The program will include something of Christmas by the children, carol singing, a visit of Santa, worship and a brief congregational business session. Call reservations to the church office by December 10 so proper meat can be arranged.

**ALL CHURCH CAROLING PARTY** - 4:00 P.M., Sunday December 21

Again this year we will go caroling on members and friends in two chartered buses. Young and old alike are invited to join the caroling and fellowship.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA AND PAGEANT** - Sunday, December 21 at 8:15 and 10:45

Our choir under the leadership of Sara Davis and dramatic scenes directed by Barbara Short will highlight our Sunday Worship in Celebration of Christmas.

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE** - 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 24

A special service for children and families with young to honor Christ's Birth.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING WORSHIP** - 11:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 24

A worship highlight to usher in Christmas Day with meaning and reverence. Our Chancel Choir is singing and all will participate in this meaningful event.

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**NOTE OF THANKS FROM CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN INDIANA**

November 21, 1975

The Christian Church Outreach is usually channelled four ways: Basic Mission Finance (Operational money); Capital (Appeal in Indiana); Reconciliation; and Week of Compassion.

Nationally, Basic Mission giving increased 5.16% last year, but Indiana congregations increased their giving by 12.23%. We are proud and thankful for this kind of support.

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## NOTE OF THANKS (from page three)

Your congregation gave \$11,274 for Basic Mission Finance last year through Church Finance Council. Together we produced "growth funds" gave extra support to Christian Theological Seminary, the Christian Church in Indiana, and our General Work. Thank you for your support.

The Appeal for Response in Faith was started in Indiana in the fall of 1971. Our goal was to raise enough money to pay off the Indiana indebtedness and to raise \$400,000 additional money for other work of the church.

As of September 30, 1974, \$1,413,839 has been received in offerings. Your congregation has shared \$43,721. Thank you for supporting the work of the Church in this way.

Please share our thanks with your congregation.

Sincerely,

Jim Keown

Associate Regional Minister

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## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS Christmas party will be held in Fellowship Hall December 6. The carry in dinner is set for 6:00 P.M. A gift exchange -- one dollar limit -- will be a part of the evening. All members -- past and present -- are urged to attend. Bring food and table service and also a gift for the Pantry is asked.

THE HARMONY CLASS Progressive Christmas Dinner will begin at 6:45 P.M. with Steve and Tana Harter, 4922 Knoll Road--between Ardmore and Smith. Stope include Russ & Nancy Wortley, Ralph & Judy Church, and ending at the CROW'S NEST, i.e. Andy & Joyce Crowe.

THE FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS will have a served Christmas Dinner with Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette at 12:30 P.M. on December 6. They will have a \$1 gift exchange.

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## NEW STUDY BEGINNING

THE GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS is beginning a new survey study of Biblical literature this Sunday in Room 331. Dr. Cline will be leading this study for the opening five weeks and possibly longer. Bring Bibles and come. Any adult age level or marital status is invited.

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## HONORING ROY GRAY

Roy Gray will be preaching his final sermon from the pulpit of First Christian Church in Auburn this Sunday. A dinner follows at 12:30 and a special program. We salute Roy in his retirement from the active ministry after 45 years of service.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

2:30 P.M. Friendly Class Party  
4:00 P.M. Progressive Class Party  
6:30 P.M. Harmony Class Party  
8:00 P.M. Faith At Work, First  
Baptist Church

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
10:30 A.M. Church School  
11:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
2:30 P.M. Youth Groups  
8:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild  
Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 P.M. Gamboe Group, Amelia  
Dare, 4527 Lafayette Esp.  
10:30 P.M. Bell Choir

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 P.M. Men's Chorus  
10:30 P.M. Nelson Group, Laverne  
Hunt, 1721 Shamrock Rd.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor  
10:00 P.M. Edge of Adventure  
11:15 P.M. Chancel Choir Sings  
at Southtown Mall

## EXCITEMENT AND EXPECTATION

Our Advent Season brings to our congregation much anticipation and joy. We are anticipating several personal decisions to be expressed in worship this Sunday. Our semi-annual Thanksgiving for Birth and Dedication of Parents will be held at 10:45 on the 14th just prior to our Holiday Dinner. Our Choir is working toward "The Song of Christmas" for both worships on the 21st. Planning and preparations are in process for the two Christmas Eve worships at 7:00 and 11:00 P.M.

Use the following texts and titles for sermons for Advent rather than those announced last week (I made a goof! HEC)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

"PREPARING TO RECEIVE" Isaiah 40: 1-11; II Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

"CELEBRATING IN ANTICIPATION" Isaiah 61:1-11; I Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8; 19-28.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

"RECEIVING THE ANNUNCIATION" II Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38.

JOIN OTHERS IN PREPARATION AND WORSHIP AND EXCITEMENT DURING ADVENT!



SERVING DECEMBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Harold Crowder  
and Robert Rayl  
10:45 A.M. James Ruble  
and Ben Taylor

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz, K.  
Place, E. Place  
10:45 A.M. D. Markley, M.  
Crouse, R. Baugher, J. Wiley,  
S. Rayl, K. Taylor, D. Young,  
W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D.  
Smith, G. Ludwig  
10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Cheva-  
lier, M. Byers, G. Bozarth,  
H. Stevenson

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, S.  
Thompson-SW  
10:45 A.M. R. Krull-NW, K.  
Banet-SW, E. Nordblom-SE,  
M. Lehman-NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Stephen & Stuart  
Crebb  
10:45 A.M. Chris Fountain,  
Rick Baugher

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson & Marge Lehman

IN HOSPITALS

St. Joseph: 508 Mrs. Linda  
Haggenjos  
817 Mrs. Ruth Williamson  
Parkview: S211 Mr. Mac McNamee

WEDDING BY PASTOR

William James Halbrook and  
Elizabeth Deann Crist on 11/28/75.  
They are residing at 510 Picadilly  
Circle, 16 (456-9345).

JOIN THE FESTIVITIES!!!

Holiday Dinner - Sunday, Dec-  
ember, 14, at 12:15 P.M.  
All Church Caroling Party-  
Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 P.M.

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship 305  
Church School 133  
Program Support \$1945.24  
Building Fund 784.23  
NEW MEMBERS DURING NOVEMBER  
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jones

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed \$46,253.81  
Actual income to date 42,717.06  
Income per week needed 2,102.44  
Giving for 11/30 1,557.48  
*December ends our giving for the  
calendar year of 1975. Let's all  
be current and make any over-and-  
above gifts possible so that we can  
be current in our Program Support!  
December has always been a strong  
month in giving and let's go over  
the top this year!*

THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING

We express a special thanks to our  
choirs--Children's, Men's Chorus, and  
Chancel Choir for their singing on  
Thanksgiving Sunday. Many thanks for  
the 215 food items given in our Th-  
anksgiving Cornucopia. We also ap-  
preciate the fine support of Jerry  
Zimmerman, our organist, our Chancel  
Choir, and our deaconate in hosting  
the Community Thanksgiving Worship on  
the 26th. The offering of this clus-  
ter was \$95.00 for CROP to help in  
the world hunger crisis.

THANKS TO CHURCH

Ed Allen, Jr. wishes to thank  
the church for all of their sup-  
port of him in his Seminary study.  
He looks forward to seeing every-  
one at Christmas.

WORSHIP WITH US DURING THIS  
HOLY ADVENT SEASON

## CHURCH HOLIDAY DINNER

On Sunday, December 14, we will enjoy a Holiday Dinner at 12:15 in Fellowship Hall. This is planned as a time of fun and fellowship for the entire church family. It is being sponsored through the Membership Committee chaired by Mark Snyder.

Turkey and Ham will be catered and a free will offering to help defray the cost. Rolls, coffee, tea, milk will be furnished. Families are asked to bring covered dishes of sweet or scalloped potatoes, other vegetables, salads, or desserts sufficient for their families and possible one or two extra persons. Those who have no cooking facilities or who find it difficult to prepare a covered dish are invited to come and simply chip in more towards the meat cost. Each family is asked to bring its own table service.

We had 120 make reservations last Sunday. Call the church office 744-3239, or sign up on Sunday. We need reservations by December 10 for the meat order.

The program will consist of a presentation by children of our Church School, carol singing, a visit by Santa, brief worship, and a congregational meeting to fill a board vacancy and to approve revised educational policies.

## ALL CHURCH CAROLING ON BUSES

All are invited from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 21, to go caroling. 61 signed up this past Sunday, but we need about 100 to fill the buses to full capacity. This is for young and old alike as we visit our homebound, some older  
(continued next column)

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

FRIENDLY BIBLE CLASS at 12:30 P.M. this Saturday with Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette, call 745-3365 if transportation is needed.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS at 6:00 P.M. this Saturday evening in Fellowship Hall for a carry-in dinner and gift exchange.

HARMONY CLASS at 6:30 P.M. this Saturday beginning with Steve and Tana Harter, 4922 Knoll Road, for a Progressive Dinner at four homes.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION at 7:30 P.M. Saturday, December 13, with Jack and Pam Bickel, 1232 Illsley Drive.

ALL CHURCH CAROLING (from column 1) members, and special homes. Come and join this caroling experience! Make plans and sign up so we are ready with the buses and the hot chocolate and doughnuts when we return.

## YOUTH SNOW SHOVELING

The Christian Youth Fellowship is offering to have regular standing appointments for snow shoveling. They will take a limited number, desire to do those who cannot do for themselves, and will use all proceeds for the YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND of the Christian Church. This is a special outreach project funded by youth and doing special projects which they choose nationally. Call the church office 744-3239 or Nancy Wortley, 747-0905 concerning this service project.

BOOKS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH. THESE WOULD MAKE EXCELLENT CHRISTMAS GIFTS.



### CHRISTMAS CARD TREE

There will be a Christmas Card Tree in the Narthex again this year! The project is sponsored by the Outreach and Service Committee. The idea is that a person send one card to the church as his Christmas Card to all with in the church family to whom he would otherwise send individual greetings. Enclosed in the card is to be a gift of money which he thus saves by not purchasing individual cards and stamps. Cards will be placed on the tree and names of the senders will be listed in TIDINGS. Proceeds will be divided between the Flinn Home in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for Children.

### SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

A bare Christmas Tree will be placed in Fellowship Hall and Children from our Church School Classes, youth and adults are asked to place gifts of sox or mittens on the tree. These will be sent to the Children's Home in Cleveland on December 21 (after Church School) so need to be brought by or before that date. Children might bring sox or mittens in their own sizes, so that we will have a variety of sizes. It is not necessary to wrap the gifts.

#### PANTRY NEEDS

Cloth Diapers  
Peanut Butter  
Crackers  
Powdered Milk

MANY THANKS FOR THE CORNU-  
COPIA ITEMS!!

### ADVENT WREATH HUNG

Ralph, Judy, and Dan Church and Bill Love worked last Saturday to have the wreath hung for our Advent Season.

### PAINTERS IN ROOM 132, 133

Russ Wortley has coordinated painters in Room 132, and 133. On 11/15, Ed Allen, Jim Stucky, Mildred Hartmen, Karen Flickinger, Marlene Crouse, Eunice Conrad, Rose Krull, Ben Taylor, Bobby Sharon, and Mai Pauley helped in the painting. Becky Stucky did baby sitting for painters. Several have worked with Russ at subsequent times plus Steve Harter. Thanks for your work!

### WORK PROJECT IN FLORIDA

The Florida Christian Center in Jacksonville, is hosting 15 people to help paint from January 4 to 18. Transportation, room, and board are provided for this volunteer service work. Contact Dr. Cline immediately if you are interested.

### CHOIR TO SING FOR TWO SPECIAL EVENTS

Our Chancel Choir will be singing this Friday evening, December 5 at the Christ Child Festival at the Memorial Coliseum beginning at 7:10 P.M. and concluding at 7:30 P.M.

On Thursday, December 11, the Choir will sing at Southtown Mall beginning at 7:30 P.M.

We appreciate our Choir giving their time and talent for these special community events.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Hall's  
Gas House

7:30 P.M. Christians Under Con-  
struction, Bickels, 1232 Illsley

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

12:15 P.M. Holiday Dinner

2:00 P.M. Rehearsal, "Song of  
Christmas"

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Men's Chorus

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

6:30 P.M. Bell Choir

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:30 P.M. Staff Dinner at Clines

## PANTRY NEEDS . . .

CEREALS, PEANUT BUTTER, PORK &  
BEANS, CLOTH DIAPERS

## WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, December 14, is a day with  
much in store for our church family.  
We invite each one to experience the  
love God is seeking to give to each  
in the worship, study and fellowship  
opportunities.

8:15 A.M. - MEDITATIVE WORSHIP  
Quiet Worship to begin the Day - Reb-  
ecca Stucky, soloist

9:30 A.M. - CHURCH SCHOOL for all  
10:45 A.M. - WORSHIP including:  
Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Ded-  
ication of Parents; Children's Choir  
singing; Chancel Choir singing.

12:15 P.M. - HOLIDAY DINNER - Cat-  
tered Meats - Bring covered dish and  
table service. Children of Church  
School presenting Christmas Program;  
Caroling led by Sara Davis, Mel Busse,  
and Jerry Zimmerman; Introduction of  
New Members; Congregational Meeting  
to act on Educational Standing Rules  
and Board replacement.

2:00 P.M. (or when dinner program  
is over) - Rehearsal for "Song of  
Christmas"

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF for all  
youth of grades 7 through 12.

7:00 P.M. - Celebration Worship in  
Parlor.

SERVING DECEMBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Merle Grimm and  
Robert Hendricks

10:45 A.M. Cecil Rice and  
William Love

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place

10:45 A.M. D. Andrew, N. Andrew,  
B. Lehman, M. Lehman, R. Johnson,  
E. Klepfer, R. Wortley, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
J. Stucky

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
H. Stevenson, T. Frappier, S. Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Lee-NW, D. Keebortz-  
SW

10:45 A.M. A. Dare-NW, M. Cook-SW,  
Eileen Klepfer-NE, E. Conrad-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Bobbi Sue Johnson and  
Beth Schilling

10:45 A.M. Michele Reeves and Mai  
Pauley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson, Marge Lehman

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Bill Franklin - Don Short

Glenn Miller - Dennis Andrew

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran 391 Mrs. Brenda Hiatt

St. Joseph 819 Mrs. Ruth William-  
son

Caylor-Nickel Clinic, Bluffton -  
Mrs. Elsie Widler

Oklahoma - Mr. Henry Schroeder, the  
father of Mrs. Barbara Short, our  
secretary, had surgery on Monday  
on his vascular system.

ATTENTION DIACONATE: Make your  
presence known for ushering and  
serving especially during this Hol-  
iday Season.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

MR. AND MRS. JACK R. BENNETT,  
2806 Ridgeway Drive, 16, 447-5248,  
identified with us in a transfer of  
membership from Plymouth Congrega-  
tional Church on Sunday. Jack has  
been on educational leave from In-  
ternational Harvester and expects  
to complete an Associates Degree in  
Industrial Supervision this month.  
He also returns to Harvester during  
Christmas week. Pat is a register-  
ed nurse and is now doing volunteer  
work. They have a daughter, Diana  
Marie who is in kindergarten now.  
We welcome them in our common bond  
of love and service.

THANKS:

Thanks to Mike and Nancy Terry  
for the refinishing of one of the  
cribs in the Nursery!

Thanks to Ralph and Jessie Kel-  
ler for the installation of the  
shelves in the Pantry off the kit-  
chen! Take a look, these help us  
in storage of paper supplies.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING MAILED:

\$500 which was given as a spec-  
ial over-and-above Thanksgiving  
Offering for Outreach was mailed  
this week. We rejoice in the res-  
ponse and expression by our people!

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed	\$48,356.25
Actual income to date	45,656.31
Income per week needed	2,102.44
Giving for 12/7	2,939.25

WEDDING BY PASTOR

William Keith Manes and Laura  
Kreischer on 12/5/75. They will be  
residing at 4116 Tacoma, 46807.



SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH  
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We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimage of growth into our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to love him and one another in more wholesome ways.

The offerings of this season will be made at another time so rank your references for this period. There is a minimum number for each course which must be met by January 4 or two weeks prior to any special event. This is the beginning of a regular series of three seasonal offerings of educational growth opportunities each year. Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if minimum registrants are not received. Some classes will be limited to a certain number.

WEEKLY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE

- I. Sunday Evenings, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. for 13 weeks, January 4 through March 28
- II. Thursday Mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. for 13 weeks, January 8 through April 1

RESOURCES: Reading book - THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE which includes "first steps" of Christian commitment written jointly by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson and a response manual for each person. Cassette Tapes featuring the two leaders and giving instructions will be used by the leader.

DESCRIPTION. Course challenges to experiment on the basis that God is real and that prayer is communications with God. First problems of a mature attempt to commit the wholeness of life to Christ are the focus.

COST: \$6 for Reading book and Response book.

LIVING THE ADVENTURE

- I. Sunday Evenings, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M. for 13 weeks, January 4 through March 28
- II. Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. for 13 weeks, January 8 through April 1.

PREREQUISITE: Completion of one of THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE series offered during 1975.

RESOURCES: Reading Book - LIVING THE ADVENTURE which deals with faith and hidden difficulties and hard questions written jointly by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson and a response manual for each person.



Similar to THE EDGE OF ADVENTURE Cassette tapes program this series.

DESCRIPTION: This course deals with some of the real difficulties of Christian living including loneliness, confession, money, power, sexuality, uniqueness, success, change, and death.

COST: \$6 for Reading Book and Response Guide.

### AN EXPERIMENT IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY

- I. Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. for 12 weeks January 7 through March 24.
- II. Thursday Afternoons, 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. for 12 weeks January 8 through March 25.

RESOURCES: Each participant will have a Participants Guide AN EXPERIMENT IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY written by John and Adrienne Carr. This workbook has assignments for each session, resource papers on a variety of subjects, and a commentary with questions based on the life of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.

DESCRIPTION: This study is designed to take the perspectives of Jesus under themes and apply to practical life. One who has experimented with this study said: "Being the Church is a whole lot more difficult than merely going to church--and immensely more rewarding!" The attempt is to try the Christian life from the perspective of the paper. The Carrs led our Power and Light Retreat several years ago and now have written this material for educational growth through Abingdon Press.

COST: \$3 for the Participants Guide.

### UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT - Part I

- Thursday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. for 13 weeks, January 8 through April 1.

RESOURCES: A college type text book, UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT written by Howard Clark Kee and Franklin W. Young. There will also be regular assignments for reading in the New Testament. This series will use only Part One of the book, namely, THE COMMUNITY EMERGES, which deals with the New Testament record of Jesus.

DESCRIPTION: A serious Bible study for the documents of our faith and will assume regular Bible and text reading. We will only cover 206 pages of the text.

COST: \$12.00 for the Textbook which will be available for the second and third parts of this study later.

### PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING

- Thursday Evenings, 7:00 to 9:30 P.M. for 14 weeks, January 8 through April 8.

RESOURCES: Texts, PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING by Dr. Thomas Gordon and YOU CAN HAVE A FAMILY WHERE EVERYBODY WINS by Earl H. Gaulke. This later is a Christian perspective of Parent Effectiveness Training.

DESCRIPTION: Parent Effectiveness Training is based on a theory of human relationships which is applicable to any and all relationships between people, not only the parent child relationship. This teaches parents concrete skills and practical procedures.

COST: \$7 for the two text books.

## COUPLES ENRICHMENT SERIES

### FAMILY FUN FORUM

Friday Evenings, 7:00 to 12:00 P.M. for six sessions, namely, January 16, February 6 & 27; March 5 & 26; and April 2

RESOURCES: The program is utilizing 15 hours of cassette tapes by Charlie Shedd and each couple is asked to read the book, INTIMATE MARRIAGE by Howard Clinebell during the series. The tapes will be the direct input and basis of discussion.

DESCRIPTION: Themes include: *Fun and Romance in Marriage; So Your Husband Won't Talk! Helpful Hints on Opening Him Up; Secrets to Being a Fun Grandparent; Have You Allowed Your Children Enough Voice in Running Your Home?; How to Keep Your Woman Turned On; The Art of Openness; Common Sense about Uncommon Trust; Are You Telling Your Children Enough About Sex--Soon Enough?; The Fun Family Devotions; What I Wish Someone Had Told Us about Sex Before We Got Married; Prayer in Duet; The Secret of Secrets in Marriage.*

COST: \$10.00 for Book and use of tapes. Registration only as couples.

## SHORT TERM CONCENTRATIONS

### INDIANA LAY WITNESS TRAINING CONFERENCE

7:30 P.M., Friday, January 23 to 7:30 P.M. Saturday, January 24, at the Beech Grove Christian Church in Indianapolis

RESOURCES: Father Hosey of Pope John XXIII Retreat Center, Jim Hollingworth, Frank Springer, Robert Balfour, Bob & Jeanne Moore, Jim Nelson, Kent Borgaard, Joan Williams, Harry Dawson, Bill Thomas, Miriam Bixenman, Reg Buskirk, Nancy Wortley, Joe Pumphrey, Marilyn Myers, Harold Cline, William Rodefer, Lucian Robinson, and others.

DESCRIPTION: Regional training event for anyone who has or desires to participate in Lay Witness Missions. This is a "must for participants."

COST: \$6 is registration and Saturday breakfast and dinner. Saturday lunch is on your own. Housing is free in homes or at personal cost in nearby motels.

### HOW TO TELL A CHURCH

Open only to Elders or Members of the Board of Trustees and their wives on Friday, February 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. and Saturday, February 7 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

RESOURCES: An experimental study of ourselves as a church based on

## HOW TO TELL A CHURCH by Danny E. Morris

DESCRIPTION: Each participant will need to read and ponder the text before the weekend. We will share and study and grow in our self-understanding and possibilities through this experience.

COST: \$5 for Book and Saturday catered lunch.

## 1975-76 SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP led by Lyman Coleman

9:00 A.M. to 5:45 P.M. on Saturday, March 13, 1976 in Indianapolis at the Convention Center. We will have cars leaving here at 6:15 A.M. and returning in early evening.

DESCRIPTION: His theme for this year is "Dream the Impossible Dream" Here is theory and depth of experience in building Christian koinonia through history giving, affirmation, goal setting and accountability.

COST: \$10 per person with the Education budget paying a like amount as leadership development.

## TO FIND NEW LIFE

7:00 to 10:00 on Friday and 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 9 and 10.

RESOURCE: A Christian Life Curriculum Retreat Book, TO FIND A NEW LIFE by Frank C. Mabee.

DESCRIPTION: New Life is that newness born of God's activity among us. Each will probe the possibilities of how to find a new life--to become a new person in Christ. This is a basic to becoming a person you can be happy with, others will find significant and full of meaning and who is fulfilled in Christian commitment.

COST: \$5.00 for text to be read in advance and Saturday lunch.

## YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP LOCK IN

### YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS FOR SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADERS

Begins at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 1 and continues until 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 2. Meals will be served and all will sleep at the church. This replaces the usual 10 week series of classes by the pastor and puts it into a concentrated block. Registrants will do preparatory reading and will have a variety of experiences during the event including study, worship, play, eating, sleeping, and community life.

COST: Families of participants will be asked to assist with food preparation.



## SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTIONS OF DECEMBER 2, 1975

### FINANCING OF BUILDING PROGRAM

Following an elaborate study of possibilities and financial figures, the Stewardship Finance Committee recommended and the Board approved the following:

- 1) That interest expense be taken into account in determining the amounts available for capital improvements.
- 2) That a slippage factor be taken into account in determining the amounts available for capital improvements.
- 3) That the capital outreach receipts be used to pay for church improvements, and the capital outreach portion be reimbursed interest at 8% during the time these funds are used.
- 4) That the financing be obtained from the Trust Funds and that the Trust Funds be paid interest at 8% during the time funds are used."

This action assumes the corollary that both due to the shortage of Building Fund Pledges and the realistic cost of interest and slippage that This would require a decrease of \$7,502 from original program needs, either by reduction of cost or elimination of one or more items." A formal note would be drawn between the Church and the Trust Funds for the loan from the latter. The loan would come from the permanent funds of the trusts and would earn more interest than currently.

### STUDENT YOUTH PASTOR

The recommendation of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee was approved that "on the basis of our common understanding with Steve Doles that he will be with us again next summer as a Summer Intern, that Steve's request for lessened time be respected from January until he returns in the summer. We recommend that he be continued as a Student Youth Pastor for a day and a half for 2 or 3 times only between January 1 and the end of school. The weekends would be worked out mutually between Steve and Mr. Cline and we would try to utilize his aid on these weekends as completely as possible."

### VANDALISM

In response to the three paint throwing incidents and the sign through a basement window within 36 days the Board moved that the church indicate to the police our intention to prosecute if the vandals are caught. A motion was also made to post, chain, and lock our parking lot.

### OTHER ACTIONS

Power Plant Services was named as the one company to handle all work on our boiler to repair present needs and to be solely responsible for upkeep and repair work. This replaces three companies and makes one responsible. \$100 was voted from #86 Local Community Service to #81 Pantry because of the Pantry needs running so high. Jim Taylor was approved as co-teacher of Grade 3 & 4 class with Marlene Crouse.

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## BOARD ACTIONS (from page three)

In spite of low giving our Operating Fund deficit decreased from \$-1,906.31 to \$-380.91. Two outreach checks totalling \$950 were withheld to try to keep us solvent. The People Report indicated 10 more persons moving from a Non-Participating to Participating Status. This letter means that we have had 25 make such a change since July 1. A recommendation from Tana Harter, Church Librarian, was assigned to the Education and Property Committees for report back in January or February.

There were 20 members and 3 guests present. Three persons sent regrets.

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### SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

The inside four pages of THE TIDINGS is information concerning growth opportunities in the Christmas to Easter period. We are anxious to receive registrations now for these events so we can be sure of which will have sufficient participants. Texts and final plans will be made on the basis of our registration now!

Sign up for all possible interests and list them in the order of preference. There will be a check back with all registrants before the first sessions. Regular registration forms are available at the church building or you may include the following on a blank paper and mail to the office: name, address, phone, child care needs, and list of desired courses ranked in order of preference.

To insure your choice, help enlist other participants to be sure that there is a minimum number.



### CHRISTMAS OUTREACH SHARING

Persons desiring to send one Christmas card for all members and friends of the church are asked to mail a card to the church enclosing saved postage or a donation. Your greetings will be placed on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex and your name will be listed in THE TIDINGS as sharing Christmas greetings to all members and friends of FCC.

Cards should be mailed or brought to the church office. Do not place the card directly on the tree. We need to have names and remove donations before decorating the tree. The cash gifts will be divided between the Flinn Home for aged and the Cleveland Children's Home.

The Christmas Tree in the Fellowship Hall is now receiving socks and mittens. On December 22 these will be removed and mailed to the Cleveland Children's Home.

### CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:

Ingrid Von Buchler, Scott Rayl, Steve Doles, Steve Hall, and Jim Taylor put up the trees last Saturday. Sue Allen made the door wreaths  
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

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# TIDINGS

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## WORSHIPS AT 8:15 AND 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY

The fourth Sunday of Advent will focus on THE ANNUNCIATION for the early part of worship - The Sermonette and brief Meditation will be built on this account in Luke 1:26-38 - The last third of Worship is a dramatized musical cantata presented by our Chancel Choir directed by Sara Davis accompanied by Jerry Zimmerman and Vee Parlette including readers Roland Ripple and Barbara Short and youth portraying the story. Children are to remain with parents other than Nursery and 2 and 3 year olds.

## CANDLELIGHT CELEBRATION WORSHIP AT 7:00 P.M.

A participatory and relationship worship experience will find the community sharing in gift giving in candlelight setting in the parlor.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIPS AT 7:00 AND 11:00

A worship experience geared for children and families will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve. Children will light the Christ candle, share in the nativity setting, and all will celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

Our traditional candlelighting Christmas Eve worship is at 11:00 P.M. Beginning at 10:30 P.M., there will be an instrumental prelude with Jerry Zimmerman at the organ, Sara Davis at the piano, and Barbara Busse on the flute. The Chancel Choir and college youth will assist Dr. Cline in this celebration of Christ's birth.



SERVING DECEMBER 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dean Widler, William Schilling

10:45 A.M. Steve Harter, Charles Ludwig

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. C. Cline, M.L. Hartzler, D. Keebortz, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. E. Nordblom, R. Baugher, R. Krull, S. Rayl, S. Schell J. Taylor, D. Short, R. Wortley

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier H. Stevenson, T. Frappier, S. Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-NW, Susan Thompson-SW

10:45 A.M. M. Lehman-NW, P. Buskirk-SW, N. Andrew-NE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Ann & Kathy Lee

10:45 A.M. Brenna & Lorinda Ruble

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Thompson & Marge Lehman

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Steve & Tana Harter

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MRS. HAROLD (RAMONA) KETNER, 5232 Sherrill Drive, 06 - 447-2629, responded Sunday in a transfer of membership from Main Street Christian Church of Winchester, Indiana. Her husband is employed by General Telephone. Ramona is in the home with Dawn who is in the third grade and Kevin who is in Kindergarten. Ramona has served on our Pantry staff for sometime as well as active in many other programs of our congregation. We rejoice with Ramona in this action.

CHRISTMAS GIVING

We call on our members and friends to respond with generous program support in these final two Sundays of 1975. We are currently behind \$2,810.23 in program support giving. This is needed especially with some current boiler repairs and \$750 short on regular outreach checks. Let's give \$7,015.11 in Program support between now and December 31. We can do it to the glory of the Christ Child and his ministry! We were current for the first 6 weeks of our church year, but have now been behind for 20 weeks--Let's start the second half year current!

THANKS TO CHURCH

The Christmas Bureau expressed appreciation for the clothing which our Pantry contributed to their program.

Signed by Marilyn Steele

"My deep appreciation and thanks for your prayers, cards, visits, and many kindnesses while I was in the hospital. God bless you." Mel McNamee

1976 CALENDARS are both available for any who pick them up in the Narthex. Help yourself!

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed	\$50,458.69
Actual income to date	47,648.33
Income per week needed	2,102.44
Giving for 12/14	1,992.02

THE SECRET PLACE

Copies of the current quarter from December 1 through February are still available at 40¢ for those who desire to gain from their usage. Find in Narthex and halls.



## GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

The following families have sent greetings to all through participation of a Card on our Christmas Card Tree and an offering equally divided between the Cleveland Home for children and the Flinn Home for aged. We welcome the unified greetings from others for later listing.

Ethel Allen  
Audean Ashe  
Sandy Becker  
Mrs. Walter Birkhold  
Barb & Stew Blain, Dawn, Denise,  
& Diana Schrock  
Walter Bowen  
Vaughn & Marvel Brickley  
Harold E. Cline Family  
Mrs. Irene Cline  
Bob & Esther Clipp  
Martha & Stan Cole  
Elaine J. Conrad  
Mary Cook  
Irene Current  
Sara, George, Tammy & Jimmy Davis  
Maude Donahue  
Geneva Ferguson  
Henry & Ethel Flowers  
Leslie & Hortense Futterer  
Jim & Billie Goins  
Merle, Betty, Steve, & Bruce Grimm  
Opal Heller  
Bob & Bev Hendricks

Blanche & Clarence Hetrick  
Leslie & Mary Higgins  
Gladys Hoop  
Pauline Horn  
Art & Florence Huddleston  
Mrs. Thelma Jackson  
Delores & Scott Keebortz  
Fern & Paul Kenline  
Harold, Ramona, Dawn, & Kevin Ketner  
Carl & Mildred Linn  
Margaret & Bill Love  
Mac & Tillie McNamee  
Virgil & Bernice Montgomery  
Delores Overmyer  
Hugh & Gwynth Rice  
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein  
Patrice Stucker  
Kenneth & Beulah Timmons  
Grace & Paul Truby  
Mary Wagner  
Dean & Elsie Widler  
Linda, Joe & Erin Wiley  
Roxy Wunderlich  
Jerry, Sandy, Eric, & Mark Zimmerman

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## ALL CHURCH CAROLING

Two busses will be here at 4:00 P.M. this Sunday. The door is still open for more carolers. Come as family groups. Join the church family for this joyous experience of caroling. Mac and Tillie McNamee and Edna Nordom are preparing hot chocolate and donuts for our return at 6:30 P.M.



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:30 P.M. College & Career at  
Steve Hall's 3406 McArthur

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
4:00 P.M. All Church Caroling  
Party

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Family Christmas  
Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle-  
lighting Worship

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas - Church Office closed

### PANTRY NEEDS. . . . .

Main Dish Dinners  
Powdered Milk  
Cereals

### COLLEGE AND SINGLES!!!!

A special invitation is out to all college students and young singles to meet at Steve Hall's at 7:30 P.M. this Saturday the 20th. He lives at 3406 McArthur.

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Save postage stamps by leaving an edge of the envelope around the stamp. Either put them in the box at the foot of the south stairs outside the kitchen or give them to the service chairman of your group. These stamps are sold and the money used for out-

## SPECIAL CHRISTMAS GIVING

As noted elsewhere in TIDINGS we are challenging all to undergird our basic program support so that we might reach our weekly average goal of \$2102.44 by December 31. This is easily within reach if Christmas generosity would be expressed.

We also have our Christmas outreach offering in special envelopes and the total giving of Church School this Sunday. This undergirds outreach ministries, especially our benevolent homes. Our Christmas Card giving which now stands at \$143 will be divided equally between the Flinn and Cleveland Homes.

Our Building Fund giving at this point will mean less need of borrowing and more completion of work.

Christmas is a season for giving which should be most realized in our Christian community.

### TIMOTHY PLANS ORDINATION

Ed Allen, our Timothy who will graduate from Brite Seminary of Texas Christian University in May is working with the Disciple Churches of Southwest Region in planning his ordination on May 23, 1976 at Central Christian Church in Dallas. Several of our people and our congregation will be involved in this service.

### STEVE DOLES TO HOLY LAND

Steve Doles left Taylor University on December 17 for a Wandering Wheels trip to the Holy Land. The trip is combined with a basic Bible course for the January term.

USED POSTAGE (continued)  
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## WORSHIP TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Come and bring guests and friends to one of our Christmas Eve Worship hours in order to set the tone of Christmas celebration. Advent has prepared us for this high and holy day of Christ's birth.

### 7:00 P.M. - FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

*Lighting the Christ Candle  
Setting the Nativity Scene  
Celebrating Christ's Birthday*

### 11:00 P.M. - CANDLELIGHTING CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

*Chancel Choir Singing  
Youth and Young Adults Assisting  
Participatory Candlelighting Experience*



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH STAFF



We thank you for the privilege as well as responsibility of serving in behalf of the congregation in our various functions of enablement. We trust that our unique ministries will help the reality of the incarnate Christ become a part of each of our lives and will reach beyond us into our world with its needs. WE WISH YOU A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS DAY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Susan Jones  
Earl Hussell  
Mark Mowery  
Jim Taylor  
Chad Cline  
Jerry Zimmerman  
Sara Davis  
Melinda E. Lewis

Harold E. Cline  
Miriam Bixenman  
Barbara Short  
Opncy Wortley  
Steve Doles

SERVING DECEMBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and  
Glenn Miller

10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and  
Merle Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. R. Baugher, C. Cline

10:45 A.M. R. Wortley, W. Bowen,  
D. Markley, S. Hayes, B. Lehman,  
J. Wiley, D. Andrew, M. Crouse

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
G. Ludwig

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, R. Chevalier,  
H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, J. Frap-  
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GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Place-NW, C. Lee-SW

10:45 A.M. S Schell-NW, S. Knuck-  
les-NW, K. Banet-NE, G. Moore-SE

ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. S. Keebortz, B. Grimm

10:45 A.M. J. Wortley, T. Sauer-  
wein

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Mary Cook, Kathlyn Banet

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Merle Rice - Marvin Crouse

Harold Crowder - Joe Wiley

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Don and Barbara Short

IN HOSPITALS

Parkview 428 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

St. Joseph 505 Mrs. Emma Schell

THANKS FOR PANTRY HELP

The workers of the Dept. of  
Welfare of Allen County collected  
370 food items and donated them  
to our Pantry Program. We appre-  
ciate this lift from those who  
make referrals to us.

A Webelo Scout Troop under Mr.  
& Mrs. Churchill worked for pan-  
ents to earn food for the Pantry.

NEW MEMBER

MRS. MICHAEL (DEBBIE) BRIAN, 3839  
Sleepy Hollow Lane, Apt. 4, 04, 432-  
5600 transferred her membership  
from the Frankton Christian Church  
on December 18. She is a staff writ-  
ter for the News Sentinel and is  
responsible for Accent. Her hus-  
band, Mike, works in advertising  
for both papers. They met at I.U.  
in journalism. She also has a Mas-  
ters in English. Both have been  
active in Christians Under Construc-  
tion.

BASIC PROGRAM SUPPORT

Income to date needed	\$52,561.13
Actual income to date	50,725.08
Income per week needed	2,102.44
Giving for 12/21	3,076.76

END OF YEAR GIVING

We challenge all to full regular  
giving and possibly an extra to end  
1975. We need \$3,338.42 to reach  
half of our annual program support  
needs of \$54,063.50. We thrilled at  
the giving of last week.

We also call attention to Build-  
ing Fund giving which now totals  
\$17,921.70. Our Special Christmas  
offering for Outreach will also be  
received in special envelopes this  
Sunday. We have received \$401.00 in  
special Christmas offering and \$374.  
00 in the Christmas Card Tree. Mail  
year end giving early if you cannot  
be present this Sunday.

ATTENTION COLLEGE & CAREER & CYF

This Saturday these two groups  
will meet at the church at 6:30 to  
go swimming at SE YMCA. Afterwards  
they will go to Clines for the even-  
ing. Cost is \$1 per person for the  
swimming.

# G R E E T I N G

The following families have  
 sent greetings to all through  
 participation of a Card on our  
 Christmas Card Tree.

Offerings received with the greetings will be equally  
 divided between the Emily E. Flinn Home for the Aged  
 in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for Child-  
 ren in Cleveland.

The Benny's, Bill, Andy, Janice,  
 Jennifer, & Jill  
 Pam & Jack Bickel  
 Miriam Bixenman  
 Bethel & Lillian Breeden  
 Mike & Debby Brian  
 Clair & Peggy Buskirk  
 Mel, Barbara, & Christopher Busse  
 The Ralph Church Family  
 Andy, Joyce, Clint & Andrew Crowe  
 Andy, Virginia, & Julie Cook  
 Mr. and Mrs. DeVinney  
 Ron, Karen, Ronnie & John Flickinger  
 Tom & Marilyn Frappier & Family  
 Earl & Reba Fusselman  
 Ron, Jeanne, Robby & Laura Gerow  
 Dwain & Kathy Graham  
 Ross & Betty Harter  
 Laverne Hunt  
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 Mar

Glenn & Lola Miller  
 Vern & Gladys Moore  
 Arthur & Ruby Mowery  
 August Mueller  
 The Nordblom Family  
 Mary Piatt  
 Earl & Ruth Plummer  
 The Bill Schilling Family  
 The Gene Shirleys  
 Don, Barbara & Ryan Short  
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smelser  
 Homer & Hortense Stevenson  
 Fern Strole  
 Steve & Janie Taulbee  
 The Taylors, Ben, Val, Jim, Barb,  
 Ken and Larry  
 Bob, Natalie, Lee, & Bill Urich  
 Jack & Janet Weicker  
 Jack, Helen & Valerie Williams

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Family Christmas Eve  
Worship  
10:30 P.M. Musical Prelude  
11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day - Office Closed

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship  
9:30 A.M. Church School  
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship  
5:30 P.M. CYF (no Chi Rho)  
7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:00 Noon D.M.A. Dinner Out  
Charking, Waynedale

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## GOALS FOR CHURCH

Last Summer our Board of Trustees voted the following goals for this church year, July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976:

Church Worship	328
Church School	151
Program Support	\$2,102.44

These are responsible goals involving people and the expression of commitment by people. We would encourage prayer and diligence as a community to move and exceed these goals for this church year. We have been moving our average toward each of these in recent weeks. Let's exalt Christ by our movement forward for Him!

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## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Register NOW so plans can be completed. The most positive registration response to date has been for EDGE OF ADVENTURE on Sunday evening; LIVING THE ADVENTURE on Sunday evenings; AN EXPERIENCE IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY on Wednesday evenings, UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT on Thursday evenings, the FAMILY FUN FORUM on six Fridays, INDIANA LAY WITNESS TRAINING CONFERENCE, SERENDIPITY WORKSHOP and TO FIND NEW LIFE weekend. See the informational brochure in TIDINGS of December 10.

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GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

8:30 A.M. College & Career meet at church to go taboganing

8:00 P.M. Faith at Work, Parlor

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Divine Worship

5:15 P.M. Living the Adventure

5:30 P.M. Youth Groups

7:00 P.M. Celebration Worship

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 A.M. Study Group

7:30 P.M. Brummel Group, Rose Jenkins, 4720 Beaver

7:30 P.M. Evangelism Calling

7:30 P.M. Property Committee

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 A.M. Kepple Group, Parlor

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 P.M. Higdon Group, Irene Cline, 129 E. Lexington Ct.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9:30 A.M. Rivera Group, Parlor

7:00 P.M. Understanding the N.T.

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, SOUPS

PEANUT BUTTER

Welcome to the new year of 1976 in the bond of Jesus Christ our Lord. A new year reminds us of starting afresh. This is the good word of the gospel of Jesus. He takes us from where we are and moves with us toward the potentialities which can come out of meaningful partnership with him. May you sense a fresh pilgrimage with him during 1976!

I am excited about various things among our fellowship right now! I hope that you are too.

1. PREACHING - We are into the period from Christmas to Easter when it seems so appropriate to focus completely upon Jesus and the Gospel record of him. I trust that in the weeks from now through Easter our Christ-consciousness may be raised as we try to look into this man called Jesus. For this final Sunday of our Christmas celebration, my sermon theme will be "JESUS--THE EMERGENCE OF AUTHORITY". Study John 1: 1-18; Matthew 2:1-23; and Ephesians 1:3-23 in preparation.

2. MUSIC - Our Chancel Choir and Men's Chorus have added greatly to our Christmas celebration. Our Ch-  
(continued on page four)



SERVING JANUARY 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Hendricks and  
Robert Rayl

10:45 A.M. James Ruble and  
Cecil Rice

DEACONS

8:15 A.M. E. Place, K. Place,  
R. Baugher, S. Thompson

10:45 A.M. R. Johnson, D. Short,  
R. Wortley, M. Lehman, E. Klepfer,  
S. Knuckles, E. Conrad, D. Young

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith,  
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H. Stevenson, M. Finkhousen

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10:45 A.M. K. Bozarth & B. Ruble

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Delores Keebortz

IN HOSPITALS

Lutheran: 456 Mr. Charles Harsh-  
barger

Parkview: 432 Mrs. Helen Sherrin

FUNERAL OF MEMBER BY PASTOR

Glenn Yagerlehner, a member since April 30, 1924, on 12/31/75.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Russell Wortley and family in the death of his grandmother, Nellie Wortley, on Christmas Day.

To Dawn, Denise, and Diana Schrock in the death of their grandmother, Susan Schrock.

THANKS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

John Wortley, Michelle Reeves, Lorinda Ruble, Brenna Ruble, Scott Keebortz, Clint Crowe, Ric Baugher, Nancy & Anne Frappier, Bobbi Johnson, and Brian Ruble assisted in the early worship hour. We also thank Jerry for playing and Becky Stucky for the solo. Thanks also goes to Elsie Widler, Peg Buskirk, Irene Current, Margaret Jenkins, Laura Marks, Irene Cline, and Becky Stucky for cupcakes.

Special thanks to Doug Olson, Steve Hall, Susan Jone, Scott Rayl, Debi Nordblom, Bruce Lehman, Val Williams, and Jim Taylor for reading parts on Christmas Eve. Melanie Baugher, Ken Taylor, Schellie Schell, Chad Cline, Barb Taylor, and Patrice Stucker ushered. The Chancel Choir was appreciated directed by Sara Davis and also Janet Weicker's solo. The Prelude by Jerry Zimmerman, Sara Davis, and Barbara Busse drew many for this quieting time.

COLLEGE AND CAREER SINGLES

The group will be taboganing this Saturday after meeting at the church parking lot at 8:30 A.M.

1976 GIVING ENVELOPES

These were mailed on Monday of this week. If any desire them and do not receive them by mail, call the church office. Notice that there are lines to indicate giving for budget and for building fund. Mark on the proper line which receives your gift. One check can be written for both. It always helps to write the amount on the front of the envelope.



# GREETINGS

with the cards were equally divided between the Emily E. Flinn Home for Aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home for children.

The Branstrators  
Bill & Joan Franklin  
Ed, Rosalie Hall, Steve & Gary

The following families have sent greetings to complete our list by participating in a Card for all the church on our Christmas Card Tree. Offering received

Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Kattas  
Jim, Deanna, Brenna, Lorinda, Brian  
Linette, and Bryce Ruble

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## CLASSES MERGE

Beginning on Sunday, January 4, the Friendly Bible Class and the Beran Class will be uniting.

The Friendly Bible Class was first organized in 1911 as the Loyal Reaper's Class. Mrs. George Meyers and Mrs. J.A. Coar were the first teachers. In 1929, the Loyal Reaper's Class split into two classes, one for men and one for women. The present Friendly Bible Class is one of these two groups. Mrs. Lillian Scott was the first teacher and organizer.

The Beran Class was organized in the spring of 1958 by Rev. George Wascovitch, who was the first teacher. This group was organized for the purpose of doing serious Bible Study.

Dr. Jack Williams is the present teacher of the Beran Class and will teach the combined class. The Class will meet regularly in the west end of the Church Parlor. Mrs. Miriam Bixenman has been the supply teacher for the Friendly Bible Class for the past several months.

## SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Registrations for these Christmas to Easter learning opportunities are continuing. At this time, the only sure offerings on a weekly basis are:

1. LIVING THE ADVENTURE on Sunday evenings, 5:15 to 6:45 P.M., Jan. 4 through March 28. Ruby Cline is leading this group. Other enrollees are Marlene Crouse, Karen Elkins Sharon Pauley, Dean & Elsie Widler.
2. UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT-PART I on Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:30 P.M., Jan. 8 through April 1. Dr. Cline is leading this study. Enrollees now include Peg Buskirk, Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Eunice Conrad, Karen Elkins, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Judith Ford, Sally Rudy, Jim Taylor, and Connie Wells.

Other likely courses with enough enrollments might be EDGE OF ADVENTURE on Sunday evenings and EXPERIMENT IN PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY on Wednesday evenings. Miriam Bixenman is slated to lead either or both of these groups.

We encourage enrollments to any of the four above or switch to these  
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ancel Choir now directs itself toward hosting the Ecumenical Choir Festival here on Sunday evening, February 22. Eight Choirs will join in anthems which each have learned and used locally. Calendar 7:00 P.M. on February 22!

3. STUDY - We have a solid group of Church School classes for all age levels on Sunday morning. We appreciate the faithfulness and dedication of our teachers and leaders. Right now we are launching our SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH. Some weekly groups begin this Sunday. Notice the article elsewhere in this issue of TIDINGS. Opportunities are available for specified and meaningful group and growth life. I trust that we will have a good number at the Indiana Lay Witness Training Conference on January 23, 24; the Serendipity Workshop on March 13; and the New Life Weekend on April 9 & 10.

4. ACTIVE GROUPS - I have been with our College and Career Singles the last two Saturday nights as they have had 18 each week. Here is a group alive, relating, and new in the last six months. The spirit of the Church School Class merger of the Beran and Friendly Bible Classes is wonderful. The Christians Under Construction is a new group with vitality in the last year. New blood keeps coming into this group of younger couples and singles. The response to some phoning for our D.M.A. Holiday Dinner at CharKing was promising this week. Groups and people who care and relate are available in our church life.

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5. BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - Money has been coming in generously on our building fund and action looks to be immediately ahead. Some contractors desire to do our inside work in these winter months. It is great to keep our facilities in attractive and warm condition for our life and work.

I rejoice greatly in the aliveness of Jesus in personal lives and as it is evidenced in the above and in many other ways of our community life.

GOD BLESS YOU IN 1976!

*Harold E. Clive*

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH  
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courses.

We have two couples eagerly desiring that we hold the Family Fun Forum based on cassettes of Charlie Shedd. A minimum of three more couples are needed on the six Friday evenings. We have five enrolled for the Weekend experience, TO FIND NEW LIFE. Six more are desired for this weekend of April 9 & 10.

Fourteen have indicated a definite intention of participating in the Indiana Lay Witness Training Conference on January 23 and 24 and four have signed for the Serendipity Workshop on March 13.

REGISTER NOW BY BRINGING, MAILING OR PHONING THE CHURCH OFFICE.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, AT 7:30 P.M. SEVERAL IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS ON THE AGENDA!









